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## SA, administration disagree over tuition

McKenna claims he was ignored by GW

BY MATT BERGER

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The lack of student involvement in discussing the proposed undergraduate tuition increase has Student Association President Damian McKenna fuming.

"Do we need to ask to be included?" McKenna asked. "We are the customer base."

McKenna said he asked Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak in October to be included in the process before a tuition increase was proposed to the Board of Trustees. But he said no member of the Student Leadership Team was involved in the process, and the result is the proposed 6.9 percent increase.

"(SA Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski and I) expressed interest that we wanted to start this process early," McKenna said.

Chernak, however, denied the claim that students were not involved.

"Damian's recollection isn't entirely accurate," he said. "Damian and I have been



**Members of Students Against Yearly Tuition Increases have circulated a petition demanding a more reasonable increase.**

engaged in conversations in the last few months (about tuition increases).

"There's always an opportunity for students to come forward," Chernak said.

He noted that both McKenna and Gayoski attended the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee meeting last month.

McKenna said he did make a presentation at the Feb. 13 meeting, but the 6.9 percent

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## Hospital bill originally tried as emergency act

BY JIM GERAGHTY

HATCHET STAFF WRITER

University officials are still waiting to see if D.C. Councilmember Sandy Allen's (Ward 8) proposed legislation will impede the sale of the GW Hospital to Tenet Healthcare Corp.

Allen had originally considered proposing the legislation as an emergency bill, but relented when it appeared she did not have the necessary two-thirds majority in the D.C. Council.

An emergency bill would bypass committee hearings and public comment. Ironically, Allen's "Nonprofit Hospital Conversion Act of 1997" is

intended to require more public comment in acquisitions of non-profit hospitals before District approval.

"I'm glad we were able to beat back outside forces," said Councilmember Jack Evans (Ward 2), implying that Allen's bill is being supported by Medlantic Healthcare Group, a local non-profit company that was a finalist to purchase the hospital. GW rejected Medlantic's proposal when the corporation stated its intention to close the Foggy Bottom facility and direct patients to Washington Hospital Center.

The bill would place extensive approval powers in the hands of the District's Corporation Counsel, the

(See EVANS, p. 19)

## Protestors plan to boycott J Street to fight rate hikes

BY LEE RUMBARGER  
NEWS EDITOR

Students will form picket lines in front of the entrances to J Street on Thursday to encourage their peers to have lunch off campus as part of a boycott to protest the University's proposed cost increases.

The strike, spearheaded by undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple (CSAS), is in response to mounting student frustration with planned cost hikes in tuition, residence hall and dining services fees.

The protest will "quietly but surely send a signal to the administration" that students can unite and make their concerns heard, Siple said.

Also Thursday morning, the Student Leadership Team will meet with administrators to discuss the rising cost of GW edu-

cation, offering opinions about what would be a reasonable increase and where that money would best be spent.

The meeting will be in the University Club, on the third floor of the Marvin Center, where Siple said administrators will be able to see the picket line and pass by an empty J Street.

The boycott should give students leverage in the discussion, Siple said.

Universities are a partnership between students, faculty and administrators, Siple said. However, at GW, students are "looked at (by the administration) as consumers, so that's where our greatest authority and strength comes from."

Siple said several local eateries will offer meal deals and discounts for GW students. Domino's Pizza, Bella Pizza, La Prima, Lindy's Bon

Apetit and Charlie Chiang's will participate, Siple said, adding that the list is not yet finalized since he has additional businesses to contact.

He said fliers and perhaps palm cards will be available to tell students about their discounted lunch options.

Siple said Lindy's may serve up a "Strike Burger" to students, but again, the details will be finalized later this week.

"This is an opportunity to exercise our choice and say 'We're not going to eat at J Street, we're going to go someplace else,'" Siple said.

Siple explained the boycott is not intended to "punish" the University, especially since students with meal plans have paid for the semester already.

Rather, it is a show of "solidarity"

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## U.S. News publishes wrong law rankings

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM  
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

The much-heralded and disputed annual law school rankings published by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine were published incorrectly this year, *U.S. News* Editor James Fallows announced last week.

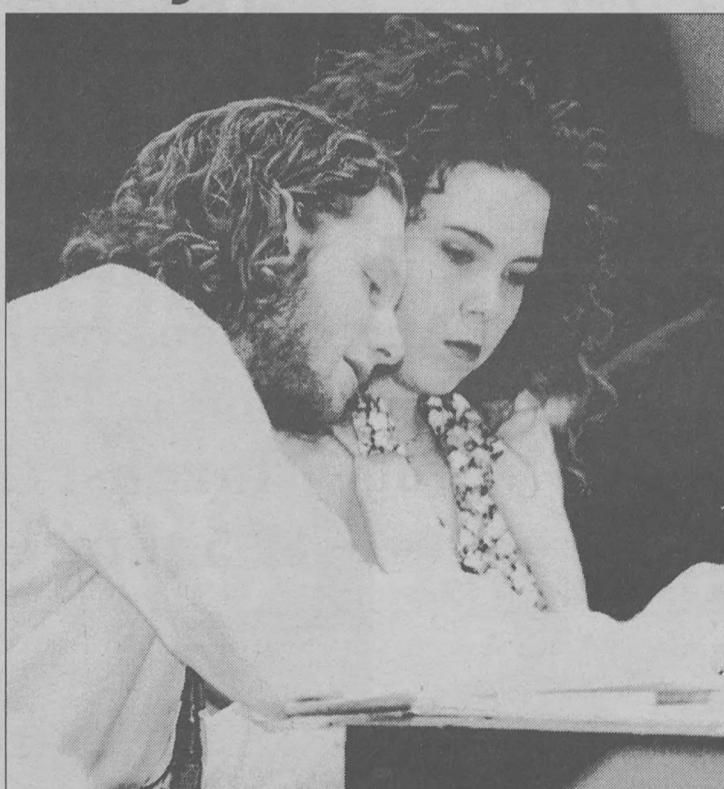
The GW Law School originally fell from last year's No. 22 spot to 24, but the revised rankings now put the school at No. 23.

"*U.S. News* uses the methodology one might employ when choosing a vacuum cleaner," Law School Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Peter Raven-Hansen said.

According to Fallows, the errors resulted from two sets of numbers that were "inadvertently transposed," causing 33 of the top 50 schools to be ranked incorrectly.

GW Law School Dean Jack Friedenthal was not available for comment, but he told The Washington Post on Friday that (See ERROR, p. 15)

## See you in court ...



Jay Crystal/staff photographer

Andy Norin and Jennifer Oatman, counsel for the Joint Elections Committee, confer during Sunday night's Student Court case. (See story, p. 8.)

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# The midterm review: spring break, b-ball and tuition

This week, at mid-semester, TripBullShot is taking a look at three things important to us spring break-traveling, bread and circus-consuming, tuition hike-paying students. If you are short on time, you can skip the rest of the article, because I have summarized all the important points in the above paragraph. If you are in class, or otherwise seeking to waste time, read on.

**Spring break planning:** It is time to get all the rest of your academic crap out of the way and to get good and ready for the full week of out-and-out madness that is spring

break. Midterms come and go, but spring break only comes once a year. The entire state of Florida is supported by the hoards of manic sun-worshipping college-aged coeds (who the hell says "coeds," anyway?) who flock into the phallically shaped state to transform their pasty white selves into lobster-looking burnt beasts. It's hardly original, but this time-treasured tradition of sun, alcohol and sand excess is all but a requirement for eastern American college students at least once in their four-year tenure.

Two notable exceptions to the

Florida route are the strikingly different plans that GW students Ryan Taylor and Ashley Taylor (no relation, they claim), are taking



**Erik Schelzig**

this time around. Ryan and a couple of friends have reserved a Winnebago mobile home and are

going to take a week-long cruise in this veritable rolling house. Ashley is bolting her study abroad locale of Scotland to spend St. Patrick's day in Ireland, where I have given her the mission to find out if the Irish would ever be so stupid as to dye their beer green like we do back here in the States.

Now, not all of us on this side of the ocean can afford a casual trip to Dublin, nor is the way of the Winnebago Warrior for everybody. But for heaven's sake, let's be inspired by these unilateralists and do something creative with our

breaks! If you or a friend are doing anything interesting or different during your breaks, drop a line to [hatchet@gw2.circ.gwu.edu](mailto:hatchet@gw2.circ.gwu.edu) and let me know what it was. If it's interesting enough, you might one day grace the pages of this venerable publication. I can't think of any greater reward in life (maybe that's why I, like an idiot, work here for free).

**Jarvis Update:** Was head coach Mike Jarvis' outburst that gave the men's basketball team three technical fouls in three minutes during last Friday's game ill-timed or what? It seems to me that Jarvis must have given up hope once Alexander "Hackman" Koul fouled out of the game, and decided to let it all hang out in a display worthy of ESPN SportsCenter (lord knows little else of the game was). Then, once he was ejected, the team came to life and Jarvis tried to take credit for it, as if his tirade was some sort of Red Auerbachian strategy from the get-go. Fed-up senior Mark

Davidson told me, "It's not too late for Jarvis to declare his eligibility for the NBA," hoping Jarvis will kick himself upstairs or at least out of GW, so some new coach can come in and take this program to the next level.

**The Hike of '97:** Well, it's that time of year again, almost as time-tested as spring break. Tuition hikes come around at this time of year, students bitch and moan and the cash keeps on rolling in. My favorite example of this inevitable tuition increase was back in '94, when the front page of The Hatchet ran two headlines: one reporting a doubling of donations to GW, the other indicating the latest tuition hike. Some students have been critical of El Presidente "The" Stephen Joel Trachtenberg for his part in the latest hike, but as much as I hate to defend him (as a matter of fact, he's kept a low profile during the course of this semester, leaving me, the rabid SJT basher, with very shallow columns during the past couple weeks), the recent round of criticism has been a little frivolous.

People say SJT wasted his time writing reviews of the movie *Evita* in last week's Hatchet, when the real burning issue is The Hike of '97. This "reviewing while the city burned" attitude is more than a little silly. So the man watched *Evita* and had something to say about it. Does this have anything to do with the fact that we get to pay more and more, while the school stays more and more the same? No.

Bring back the "Who put the 'The' in 'TGWU' debate, and then we'll have something really relevant to talk about.

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# Steel says U.S. must change policy course

National security is a 'feeling,' not condition

BY HEATHER HARE  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Professor Ronald Steel lectured on the diminishing importance of government and heightening significance of money to an audience of approximately 50 people last Thursday in Stuart Hall.

Steel's lecture, entitled "The New Meaning of Security," explained the origin and changing meaning of the phrase "national security."

It was coined after President Harry S Truman signed the National Security Act 50 years ago and has come to encompass everything from the threat of nuclear war to the threat from extreme nationalists within the country.

"Defense is a policy. National security is a feeling," he said.

Steel, a visiting professor of international affairs, said without the threat of war from another superpower, our government is becoming obsolete. The main reason for government, he said, is protection.

"The state is not the dominant actor. It can be irrelevant and be seen as the enemy," Steel said. He asserted that public support has not existed for military intervention for 40 years. Intervention in Haiti was supported only because the public

did not want refugees flooding into the United States, he said.

Steel said the public no longer sees justification for war. "The great trading states have become more interdependent."

"Governments have been reduced to the role of traffic cops," Steel said. Karl Marx may have been right because the state is withering away, Steel added. He explained economics is taking a more powerful position than the government.

These economically powerful states look to the United States for protection, Steel said. He named Japan as one of these powers and said that country uses the United States for a market and for a protector. It works for them because they do not have to pay money for a military but are still protected, he explained.

Steel said he recommends that the United States cut back on defense for other countries. There are few primary "foreign policy interests," and the United States is only 4 percent of the world population, he said.

The United States needs to focus on global competitiveness, not security, he said. "(National security) is, after all, not a condition but a feeling or process."



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## BBA showcases the 'Color of Business'

The Black Business Association held its first exposition, entitled "The Color of Business," for area African-American businesses Friday in the Marvin Center ballroom.

Included in the exposition were the National Society of Black Engineers, the African-American Business Association, the U Street Foundation and several other local businesses.

BBA President James Allen said, "I don't think a lot of students here know about black businesses in

the D.C. area."

"This is a great way to showcase a lot of African-American businesses that don't normally get a lot of exposure," added Damon Williams, a sophomore in the School of Business and Public Management who helped Allen organize the event.

Williams added that he would like to organize a Youth Business Expo next year to target more young people in the D.C. area.

-David Jones

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## We mean business

This coming Thursday, student leaders will show the administration that when we say we want input on the proposed tuition increase, we mean business. Students have organized a boycott of J Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, while student leaders meet with GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

We'd like to see the place clear out — a good demonstration of the power students have. GW administrators' disregard for student concerns has gone on long enough. The proposed tuition hike was formulated and announced without any student input, and we deserve better.

When the administration finally did agree to meet with students, it scheduled the meeting for the Thursday before spring break, an obvious ploy to quiet down talk on the issue. Campus newspapers won't publish again until after spring break, and administrators are probably hoping students will have moved on to other concerns by then.

No way. We at The Hatchet certainly don't plan to forget, and we hope the student leaders working on events like the J Street boycott aren't going to give up, either. If the administration doesn't try to compromise with us, the boycott is only the first step. A class walk-out has been discussed, as well as other real ways to show the administration we won't accept this increase without getting our say.

As for those of you on tight budgets who like to use your meal cards as often as possible, don't worry. The SA senators and other leaders who are planning the boycott thought of that, too.

So instead of eating in the J Street Diner on Thursday, go enjoy a "Strike Burger" at Lindy's Bon Apetit in the 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. shopping complex. Lindy's, La Prima, Domino's Pizza and other establishments will offer special discounts for GW students. It's nice to see the neighborhood is on our side, even if the administration isn't.

## Playing politics

The deal between GW Hospital and Tenet Healthcare Corp. is in danger from a ridiculous political ploy on the part of the local competition. Medlantic Healthcare Group lost out on its bid to merge with GW, so now it's trying to get its way through the D.C. Council.

Councilmember Sandy Allen (Ward 8) has been bamboozled into putting Medlantic's vendetta on the Council's table. Allen has introduced a bill that would make changes in the process for getting hospital mergers approved, changes that would benefit non-profits like Medlantic.

Allen says the legislation is intended to promote more public comment on this issue. If that's true, then why did she first attempt to railroad it through the Council as an "emergency" measure? The answer has to be political. Medlantic is worried about the competition and wants to protect itself through legislative means. It's using Allen to do so.

Allen also says she is concerned that Tenet Healthcare Corp., a for-profit organization, will cut down on charity care at GW Hospital. But GW and Tenet have already signed a letter of intent promising that won't happen.

Besides, cuts in charity care are a concern, but the possibility of GW Hospital closing altogether is far, far worse — and closing it is exactly what Medlantic proposed to do in its bid to GW. By merging with Tenet, GW was able to save its teaching facilities. But under Medlantic's proposal, the medical school would be dealt a crushing blow. The University and this neighborhood need a quality hospital. Any proposal to close it is not acceptable.

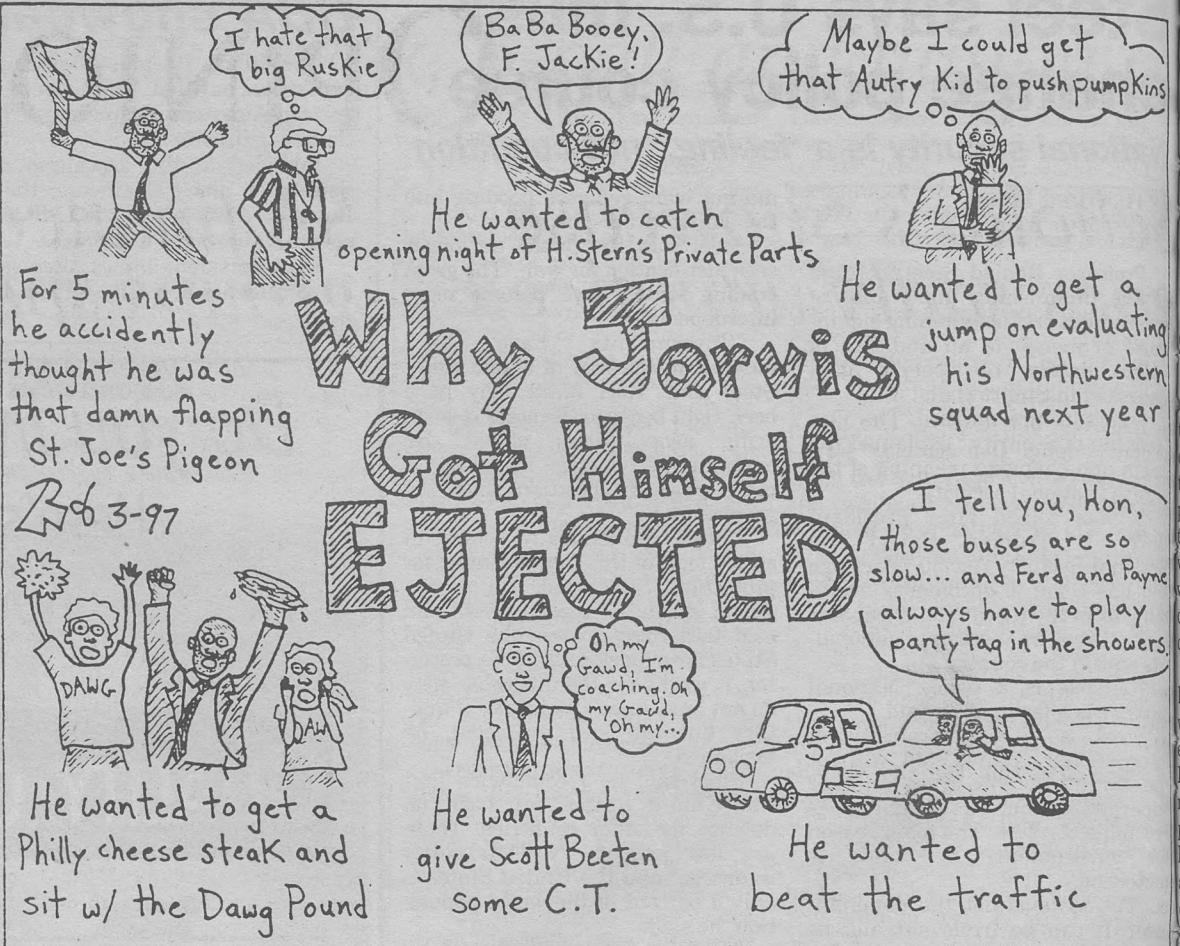
Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans says he'll be "eternally vigilant" in ensuring that GW Hospital gets the best deal possible. GW and Tenet already have made that deal. Allen and Medlantic have no business trying to intrude.

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## Don't cry for SJT, Foggy Bottom; prez's ed proves he's out of touch

The GW Hatchet's opinion page of March 6 served as a perfect example of how out of touch the University administrators, and President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg especially, are with the real and legitimate concerns of GW students.

Thursday's issue was packed with articles and editorials expressing the great concern of students over the proposed 6.9 percent tuition increase on the horizon for next year. What was the cause of the students' greatest concern and anger? Clearly, it was the lack of any response whatsoever from the University itself. Understandably, then, when I glanced over to the right of the opinion page and found an article written by Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, I naturally assumed it was a response to the students' financial concerns.

Instead, I was highly offended and angered to find that our president had instead taken the time to express his thoughts on the motion picture *Evita*, a movie most of us have seen weeks ago ("Musical *Evita* whitewashes the dark side of Peron's dictatorship," The GW Hatchet, March 6, p. 5). With all due respect, President Trachtenberg, I am sure that a man of your stature can find other venues for the publication of social commentary. In the meantime, those of us who intend to return next year are faced with a tuition hike that will have real implications for our own and our parents' financial situations. Now, of course

we will survive and I'll most likely move on to graduation, but attending GW is not a walk in the park for all of us.

Our concerns are legitimate and deserve a direct and immediate response. President Trachtenberg's article states that "As recently as the 1960s and 1970s, observers confessed to some nervousness when large numbers of young people, gathered at this rally or that, would fill the air with fists ...." If the concerns of the students are not addressed, such rallies, rather than being a thing of the past, just might become a new reality right outside of Rice Hall.

—Joe Voeller  
junior

GW take note! Students are up in arms about tuition hikes that disregard our interests, and the unelected SJT uses GW's La Prensa to address us about ... *Evita*?

Anybody home in there? Hello! Grand Pizza Supreme Leader Stephen Joel Trachtenberg need look no further than his cronies on the Board of Trustees to see examples of "authoritarian rule." Instead of relying on his old standby, "You Must Love Me" (emphasis on the MUST), Trachtenberg would be well served by extracting himself from his I Street Casa Rosada and circulating among the proletarian masses that pay his salary.

—Greggor Mattson  
senior

Thursday's issue of The Hatchet made very clear just how distant the administration has become from the student body. While the opinion page featured three pieces criticizing the proposed tuition hike, President Trachtenberg offered us a thrilling commentary on ... *Evita*. Yes, while I am wondering whether or not my mother needs to sell our house to pay for the tuition increase, El Presidente is whining about revisionist history. He seems more concerned that I will pay \$7 to see an "incorrect" musical fantasy than that my family is literally facing bankruptcy because of the exorbitant tuition charges here.

I am usually one to play devil's advocate. Up until this morning, I had thought, "Perhaps the tuition increase is really needed. Perhaps GW just can't keep up with the cost of living in the District." But now I know better. Rice Hall is completely oblivious to what a 6.9 percent increase will do to its students. There is no reason why a year's tuition here — or anywhere — should cost more than a new car.

Unfortunately, it's difficult to even convey these opinions when the administration is more concerned about Madonna than my welfare. Well, President Trachtenberg, *Evita* isn't going anywhere — however, your credibility, as well as your precious U.S. News & World Report ranking, is.

—Heather McDonnell  
freshman

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# OPINION

## Scholar's Showcase goes sadly unnoticed

Most professors at GW are engaged in fascinating and productive research, but it seems like no one cares enough to investigate for themselves what topics are being pursued. GW recently hosted a two-day showcase to present a wide range of scholarly research within the GW community, but I did not see many students in attendance.

In fact, I was the only one – at least, the only one at a lecture I went to Tuesday morning presented by the GW biology department. I strongly feel this was a direct

result of both poor publicizing and lack of interest among GW students, and such turnouts reflect negatively on the event's organization and implementation and future.

I took a cruise around the Marvin Center ballroom more than once on each day of the showcase, and I was surprised and dismayed to see so few students in attendance. The majority of people there were presenters and their colleagues, with precious few students investigating this wonderful opportunity.

Yes, the event was publicized. But not in the best way. Campus was plastered with posters advertising the Scholar's Showcase, but any further information was poorly conveyed and hard to find. I was happy when I saw a half-page GW Hatchet ad Monday morning publicizing the showcase, but any more

**Sharon L. Chinault**

specific information was entirely lacking.

The ad gave a brief list of topics being offered, and I noticed one of those was sea urchins. OK, who wants to hear about sea urchins? Well, as a biology major familiar with the faculty of the department, I knew Dr. Courtney Smith was doing fascinating research in immunology using sea urchins as a model for the mammalian system. So I was interested in hearing her speak. Since I was not aware of the format of the event and since I was unable to locate the information I

wanted any other way, I called her.

I am vice president of the Biological Honor Society, and I made an effort to

let our 40 members know of the event. Unfortunately, since information was vague, I was not able to send out the e-mail and make some calls until 5:30 p.m. Monday night. The late arrival of information may have been a factor in poor turnout at that lecture, but I feel that a lack of interest among students also played a factor in my solitary attendance.

I don't have all the solutions. But I urge students to be more active in scholarly pursuits and to utilize the easy opportunities offered at GW to stay current in their field or to explore other fields. I hope the future of the Scholar's Showcase is brighter than its past.

*–Sharon L. Chinault is a junior majoring in biology.*

## Education system needs national standards, more funds to succeed

According to recent polls, Americans are more concerned about education than any other issue. President Clinton took the cue and made education a central theme in his re-election campaign. He also focused on education a good deal in this year's State of the Union address. It seems clear that he wants better education to be one of his legacies, but is he going far enough?

It is outrageous that the United States, supposedly the world's only remaining superpower, ranks near 20th place in math and science achievement. Furthermore, basic historical questions such as dates and prominent names stump even those students who have lived here all their lives. There have been calls to live up to voluntary standards before and it has not made for a lot of improvement. The government needs to step in and fix this crisis.

The government need not and should not dictate every detail of curriculum. There should still be the greatest possible freedom of teaching and learning methods as long as they are accomplished hon-

**Christopher Jenkins**

estly. But the government should enforce ultimate goals. Such requirements could include passing math through calculus; being fluent (or nearly so) in English and another modern language; and passing basic science and social studies classes before graduating.

Other things need to be accomplished to obtain high-quality education. We need to spend more

money on local, state and federal levels. Money is needed to hire more teachers for the sake of smaller class sizes, pay teachers more to attract highly educated faculty and purchase more and better school supplies, including computers with Internet access and updated textbooks. The federal government should subsidize local school systems that are in trouble. One way not to correct this problem is through vouchers.

## SA finance bill won't let student groups spend their money freely

The Student Association has discussed a bill (Senate Bill Spring-6) that would halt the practice of using SA money allocated to student groups to fund what Sens. Adam Siple (CSAS) and Emily Cummins (CSAS) have referred to as election-related activities.

Since this bill was introduced in part as a result of the SA candidate town hall meeting that the Cigar Smoker's Forum hosted on Feb. 11, I think that we have a right to air our perspective on the issue.

Siple and Cummins assert that money spent on these election-related activities, including newspaper endorsements and candidate forums, would be better spent serving each group's mission statement.

I would like to ask the Senators if either of them have read the mission statement of the Cigar Smoker's Forum lately. It states, "The Cigar Smoker's Forum is an organization dedicated to bringing the cigar-smoking community together for the purpose of education, fellowship and the sharing of common interests and concerns."

I can't think of a better service to provide the members of my organization with than information regarding the candidates they will vote for in SA elections. Many people who attended the Cigar Smoker's Forum Town Hall Meeting said it was the best candidate forum they had ever been to, and that they really enjoyed meeting and hearing the candidates in an atmosphere that was casual and social.

Among those who complimented me on our successful candidate forum were Siple and freshman Sen. Ed Meinert. While I respect both of them for coming to the candidate forum, I find it interesting that they both chose to turn around and make it impossible for the Cigar Smoker's Forum to hold one next year. It has become apparent that neither of them understand the needs and problems of small groups such as our club.

Under the bill backed by Siple, Cummins and Meinert, groups with more money from outside

sources will monopolize endorsements, and candidates will be forced to cater to bigger, more powerful groups. Indeed, in this situation, SA money might not be used for the advertisements, but the SA would still be facilitating the endorsements by covering the costs of other activities in which these larger groups would engage.

In the final analysis, if Bill 6 passes, the total amount of money that a group took in would become far more important than where that money came from. Is this really what the Senate wants – SA candidates pandering to whoever has the most money?

If the Senate really wanted to promote "the interests of the general student body," as Meinert put it, instead of restricting groups from having forums, they would actively encourage more forums to increase student advocacy and voting numbers. Hence, out of saber rattling or perhaps mere ignorance, the Senate is moving in a direction directly opposite to the interests of the student body.

Do we want the SA deciding just what student groups can and can't use money for? Where will they draw the line? In the interests of the student body, the SA should not have the sole power to determine where a recognized student organization can spend its funding. If the SA felt the group was legitimate enough in the first place to grant it money, then it should let the group decide what is in the best interests of its members.

If Siple and Cummins feel "opposed for reasons of conscience to having our campaigns backed by the same SA funds we vote to give to student groups," then perhaps the senators should re-evaluate their own motivations for giving money to these groups. If senators cannot be objective in their allocations, then they should step down from their posts. It seems to me that Siple and Cummins are tailoring the rules to amend their own inadequacies, at the expense of smaller student groups and the student body as a whole.

*–Matthew D. Dybwad, a sophomore, is president of the Cigar Smoker's Forum.*

**Matthew D. Dybwad**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Broadcasting live

When the satellite feed from American University failed in J Street on Thursday night, GW basketball fans were left with two choices: walk to a Georgetown sports bar and watch the GW-Massachusetts game, or call the George Michael SportsMachine hotline every 20 minutes for score updates.

When I tried to find the game on the radio, I was unable to do so. As I searched for the game, I instead received the Boston College/Pittsburgh game. I could not receive the GW play-by-play while standing on the GW campus!

I have a proposal to give help to fans of basketball on the radio. The GW men's team should allow WRTV AM 600 to broadcast the men's game live like they do the women's games.

I know most people do not know there is a station at GW, but with exclusive coverage of GW men's and women's basketball, it would attract more listeners. With more listeners, the station could sell advertisements on the air. The money raised from those advertisements could help buy the necessary equipment to increase the "listenability" of WRTV. Allowing WRTV the exclusive broadcast rights to GW basketball will show that the administration is committed to enhancing student life.

Hopefully, my words will not fall on deaf ears. If you agree with me and feel a GW radio station should be broadcasting GW games, give us a call at the station at 994-0028. Until then, keep listening.

*–David Bein production manager, WRTV*

### Ali's real record

There are several errors in the "Ali documentary relives great fight" article by Tryg Olsen in the March 6 Weekend section of the Hatchet.

First, Muhammad Ali was not stripped of the heavyweight title in 1971, but rather in 1967.

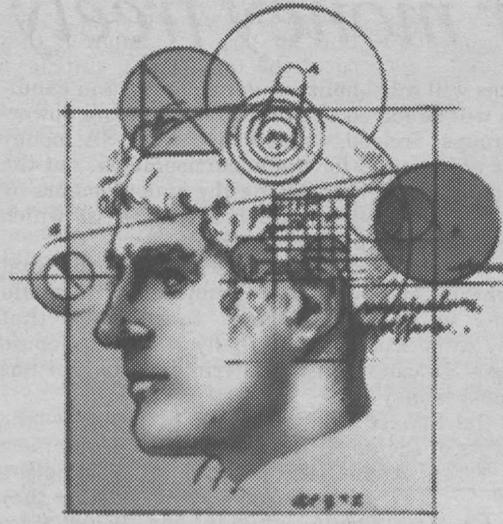
Second, Ali did not lose the "Thrilla in Manila." He won it by a 14th-round technical knockout when Joe Frazier's corner refused to continue.

Furthermore, this fight was AFTER Ali's fight with George Foreman. The "Thrilla in Manila" was in 1975.

Ali lost his first fight with Frazier, dubbed "The Fight of the Century," at Madison Square Garden in 1971 by a 15-round decision. Ali and Frazier rematched in 1974, also in Madison Square Garden, and Ali won that bout by a 12-round decision.

*–David Algranati senior*

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## GW sets up aid fund for emergencies

BY MEGAN STACK  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A half-million dollar financial aid "reserve fund" has been written into the University budget for the 1997-98 academic year.

The money will be set aside for students suffering unforeseen financial blows during the course of the school year. Administrators said they hope this safety net will help prevent students from having to leave GW mid-semester.

"The idea is that there are 'x' dollars to spend on circumstances nobody can control," said Dan Small, director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. "Floods, the mother or father losing a job, any major mitigating circumstances that affect the family financial situation."

The fund was initiated and developed by Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak. It will be reviewed, along with the rest of the budget, by the Board of Trustees in May.

"I am virtually certain the reserve fund will be a part of the final budget," Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said.

Small said that while the fund will help, it is not a guarantee that all emergencies will be covered. "Things can be unpredictable," he said. "The problem is you never know the numbers. Right now there's a disaster problem in Cincinnati, but you don't know how many students that may affect — 50

or 200. Sometimes it's an unusual year."

Small also said some students leave GW without bringing their financial problems to the attention of his office. "We do what we can. Sometimes we don't know about these situations because students think the University can't do anything," he said.

The reserve fund has been developed at a time when an increasing number of students are worried about their financial future in the face of a proposed tuition increase.

If undergraduate tuition is increased by the proposed 6.9 percent, Small said he expects the financial aid budget will go up by the same percentage. That would mean that next year GW will reward \$4 million more in financial aid than this year — but only in the case of a tuition hike.

"In terms of the tuition increase, I just wish they would announce their decision," Small said. "Whether it's good or bad news, I just wish they would announce it so we can go from there."

The \$4 million raise does not include the reserve fund, which is a separate item on the budget and is expected to be approved regardless of next year's tuition.

"The good thing about the reserve fund is that we'll know it's there throughout the year should unusual circumstances pop up," Small said. "It gives us something to fall back on."

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# New club promotes country way of life

All welcome, regardless of 'neck color'

BY ILENE J. CLAUSON  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW students will be gritless no more. With officer titles reminiscent of Hank Williams songs, the "Country Club" was founded to promote the lifestyle of "country" people.

Founded by seniors "Big Dog" Daman Irby of Oklahoma and "Little Dog" Colin Gold of Louisiana, the group is primarily a social organization with cultural programming for people from the southern and western United States, as well as those who have an interest in country music and the country way of life.

As ambassadors of the country faith, the club's executive committee, the "Hank Sr. Society," said this club is about having fun and promoting a safe haven for the small but growing number of country-loving students on campus.

Some of the functions being planned for this semester include a catfish fry, a western movie night, a trip to Music City Roadhouse in Georgetown, a camping trip to West Virginia, happy hours and nights of country music, karaoke singing and line dancing.

"We are in contact with around 30 people who are going to be members of the organization," Irby said, "and we anticipate many more." Both "Big Dog" and "Little Dog" stressed that this group is for everyone with an interest in this way of life, not just those from the South or the West.

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## DST takes on sickle cell anemia

Proceeds also will benefit local school, Healthy Babies project

BY AMY S. MAIO  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority are asking the GW community to help support three local organizations by purchasing \$1 tickets for their 50/50 raffle.

Half of the proceeds from the raffle will be awarded to the winner while the sorority will donate the other half to the Healthy Babies project, the Sickle Cell Disease Association for the greater D.C. area and Francis Junior High School's essay contest.

"We have about \$300 so far," Program Planning and Development Chair Pascale Michel said. "We thought we could make at least \$1,000, but we're hoping for \$600."

The junior high essay contest was designed entirely by Delta Sigma Theta, Michel said. The sorority has worked with the school for the past year, and the teachers encourage their involvement.

"They really want us to do what we can for the students," Michel said. "We thought this would be the next step for them."

Although only in its initial planning stages, Michel said the essay contest's theme will be "Which teacher inspires you the most and why?"

Michel said the sorority hopes to give the winner a small stipend for school supplies, a pizza party for his or her class and a "night on the town" to the teacher named in the winning essay.

The sorority also had an infor-

mation session and screening for sickle cell anemia last week.

"It's a big concern in the African-American community," Michel said. "One out of eight people carry the trait."

Because of the severity of the disease, Michel said it is important for people to know if they carry the trait before starting a family.

Sickle cell anemia is an inherited anemia, most prevalent in the African-American community, in which red blood cells tend to become crescent-shaped and cannot carry oxygen properly.

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Tickets are on sale through Monday and the winner will be announced March 12.

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# impressions

## Howard Stern reveals soft side in *Private Parts*

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

**H**oward Stern may not be ready to admit it yet, but he has become "mainstream" in the last couple of months. And he owes it all to the favorable buzz surrounding his first feature film, *Private Parts* (Paramount).

No one can really blame Stern for going mainstream — working with director Ivan Reitman, hosting MTV specials and chatting it up with *Entertainment Weekly*. Stern wants to become the "King of All Media," and to attain that title, he is going to have to appeal to the mainstream audience.

*Private Parts* is a hilarious adaptation of Stern's 1993 autobiography by the same name. Stern stars in the film, and surprisingly, he can act somewhat competently. In fact, all of Stern's radio cohorts, including Robin Quivers, Fred Norris and Jackie Martling, play themselves in the movie, making the radio scenes all the more humorous.

The film begins by following Stern through a brief adolescence and his college years at Boston University, where he wears at least five different and hideously fake-looking wigs to make himself appear young enough to be in college. Then the movie picks up speed as Stern marries his wife Alison (played by Mary McCormack, not the real Alison) and starts his career in radio at tiny stations in Westchester, N.Y., Hartford, Conn., and Detroit.

He doesn't make his "big break" until he is hired at Washington's own DC 101.1 FM station, where he meets Quivers and the two form an instant bond. Stern, Quivers and the crew are eventually hired by NBC in New York, where the heart of the film and



Stern's stint in the '70s at a Detroit radio station ended when management converted it to a country music format.

Stern's backlash to media control and censorship can be most strongly felt.

*Private Parts* is much funnier than one would expect from the shock-jock. Stern has a self-deprecating way of looking at himself that says, "It's OK to laugh at everybody else, because look at me!" He chronicles the most pathetic moments of his life, from failed pick-up attempts in college to his mediocre beginnings in radio.

The film gets raunchy when Stern tries to make a name for himself in Washington by speaking as candidly as he possibly can to his audience. Some of the most hilarious scenes take place in the radio station, such as when Stern brings a woman to orgasm by humming over the radio as she straddles her speaker at home, naked.

Although the movie highlights Stern's comedic and caring side (he actually cries when he finds out his wife had a miscarriage), it does not completely ignore the tasteless, offensive side that has brought Stern a legion of strong detractors in the last 15 years.

For example, after Stern's wife has the miscarriage, he goes on air and jokes about it at length and in full detail. He and Alison fight bitterly afterward. She argues that some things have to stay just between them. Rather than make a glowing documentary, Stern has chosen to expose the entire truth about his life, giving the film much more depth and humility.

Despite the negative scenes, though, Stern still comes off pretty likable. He has written an incredibly funny book, and it really makes for an entertaining movie.

*Private Parts* is now playing in theaters.

## Disjointed 'Cats' makes return to D.C.

BY JARED SHER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

**T**he National Theatre has undergone an Andrew Lloyd Webber renaissance this winter, first with the new "Whistle Down the Wind" and now with the return to D.C. of "Cats," soon to be the longest running musical in history.

And for good reason. Webber's shows are fun — for everyone involved. "Cats" is no exception. It is not a single story, but rather a bunch of cats reminiscing about their life stories while they wait through the night to see which of them gets to move on to the next of their nine lives.

However, the detailed costumes and the brilliant, even if a bit odd, acting make this show as stunning as when it first hit Broadway more than 10 years ago. While the actors do a marvelous job of portraying actual cats, it is nonetheless odd to watch human beings with head twitches lick themselves and jump around a lot.

Still, the jumpsuits (complete with cat tails), wigs and make-up do manage to turn 36 human beings into full-grown cats, each with a distinct costume and personality. And the audience gets plenty of up-close and personal views of the costumes and the cats, because the actors come down from the stage and dance in the aisles.

This creates a degree of audience participation most modern musicals lack, and it caused the opening night National Theatre crowd to break into rhythmic clapping to accompany the music four times.

When you get past the fantastic visual images, however, something is certainly lacking about "Cats." The musical Webber strung together from a collection of children's poems by T.S. Eliot lacks a cohesion you might expect from a two-hour-plus production.

Despite the producers' best efforts, nothing ties together the varied and often inconsistent stories of the cats gathered in a junkyard waiting for their elder statesman to determine who is most worthy to pass into "The Heavy Side Layer," or heaven, from which they can come back to Earth for another new and exciting life.

The scenes rotate from happy, uplifting song to depressing, morose vignettes with almost reckless abandon. While the lighting changes and the tone of the music shifts dramatically between the scenes, there is no method to the madness. The mood seems to switch for no real reason.

Moreover, the setting is exactly the same for the entire show — simply a black background with flashing lights meant to look like stars and a bunch of, literally, junk.

The show does have some spectacular moments, though, and it also has some recurring themes to try to keep the audience interested. For example, Grizabella is a cat who once was the star of society, but has fallen on hard times as she has gotten older. The audience can relate to her isolation and even pulls for her to win out in the end.

Those who never have seen the show probably still will know Grizabella for the song "Memory," made famous by Barbra Streisand. Hearing the words in the context of her story make the song all the more emotional.

"Cats" continues at the National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., through March 30. For more information or tickets, call Telecharge at (800) 447-7400.

## 'Stomp' rocks the Warner Theatre

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI  
ARTS EDITOR

**T**here seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the performance of "Stomp" at the Warner Theatre. According to The Washington Post's Sarah Kaufman last Thursday, the show is a bunch of street-smart stereotyped performers coaxing simplistic rhythms out of everyday objects with little more talent than a bunch of grade-school kids banging on buckets outside the Metro.

That is not the show I saw.

What I saw was a group of artists trained in theater, dance and music (although one did graduate from Stanford pre-med, the loser) creating an amazing collection of sound from brooms, newspapers, trash can lids and Zippo lighters. The audience that leapt up in a standing ovation at the end of the show was showing appreciation for an art form it had probably never witnessed before, and certainly not outside the Metro.

"Stomp" takes performance art to a pinnacle, and then reaches higher. It teaches an appreciation

for rhythm and an insatiable need to stamp your feet. It is good theater because it is fun to watch (another Post misconception).

The troupe of artists move with the grace of ballet dancers and the strength of 11 Mr. Universes. They walk strapped to metal drums and make music out of stainless steel sinks overflowing with water and pots slung around their necks. At one point in the show, the performers form a circle and fence each other with wooden poles, spinning perfectly in time to alternately face the persons on their left and right.

One of the most amazing elements of "Stomp" is the complete lack of verbal communication. No one utters a word, and the only sounds emerging from the artists' mouths are the occasional primal yells escaping forth in the heat of the moment.

Instead of words, the performers express emotion and directions to each other and the audience using meaningful glances and powerful body language. They shake their heads in disapproval, nod with acceptance and

stand at the front of the stage insistently clapping their hands together until they get the audience to join in. Words seem unnecessary and almost an interruption.

The artists' personalities shine through despite the racket and lack of words. There are leaders and followers, tough guys and smooth girls. No one seems to be fulfilling a stereotype, though, as the Post suggests. The one character who is probably playing a role is the clumsy guy who keeps losing the beat. His helpless expressions and failed attempts at rhythm on such objects as putty knives provide much comic relief and greatly enhances the audience's amazement at what little things "Stomp" can make music out of.

"Stomp" continues at the Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., through March 16. Tickets are \$26.25-\$41.25 and are available at the Warner Theatre box office or by calling TicketMaster at (202) 432-SEAT. For more information, call the Warner Theatre at (202) 628-1818.

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# SPOTLIGHT

## Make-overs, frontal nudity and massages

**First annual Women's Health Day covers the gamut of health issues**

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Women learned all about the most important health issues in their lives - ranging from eating right to AIDS education, massages and body images - Saturday at GW's first annual Women's Health Day in the Marvin Center.

Dr. Bonnie Morris, GW professor of women's history, opened the conference, which was sponsored by the Wellness Program and Wellness Advocates, with a keynote address on the evolution of the woman's place in society from the 16th century to the present.

She said women were seen in the 1500s only as fertile beings. The goddesses "had big breasts and big bellies" for childbirth and breast feeding, and "there were no skinny goddesses because they would have problems with childbirth."

She also compared the external male and internal female genitalia, noting that women only know about their bodies if they explore them, but only prostitutes did that in the 16th century.

"It was unspeakable to touch down there," she said.

When pregnant, Morris said, women were confined indoors because it was "embarrassing to show everyone that women had sex with their husbands."

### Eating right and looking good

Jacci Gruninger, coordinator of the Wellness Program, led two sessions under the name "Spring Break Melt Down: Diet Right." She talked about the food pyramid and portion sizes.

Gruninger said one serving of meat (3 oz.) is the size of a deck of cards or a cassette tape, and two proper servings of pasta can fit in the cup of your hands. She also gave some tips for "decreasing the grease" in one's life.

Gruninger then discussed the health qualities of some J Street foods. "Although expensive, the 1821 Deli puts five ounces of meat on a sandwich and you get your money's worth, but you should take some of that off," she said.

She recommended the "big" bagels sold at Viva Java. The plain bagels contain three servings of starch, and people need to eat six to 11 servings each day. Each bagel also has 365 calories and about three grams of fat. She suggested eating the bagel with low fat cream cheese.

Two of BeutiControl Inc.'s certified image consultants, Katie Glanton and Pam Wolfe, did a color analysis for some of the women in their presentation entitled "Total Body Image: Style Consultation."

They distributed an image quiz that asked questions like "Do you wear the same hairstyle you had two years ago?" and "Do you avoid lipstick because you want to look 'natural'?" If the women answered "yes" to seven or more of the 15 questions, Glanton said they may need to update their look.

### Sex in the movies and massage therapy

AIDS peer educator and Thurston Hall resident assistant Charlotte Hernandez talked about AIDS and how it affects heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual and transsexual men and women.

Hernandez also talked about how pornography portrays sex, why frontal male nudity is not seen in mainstream movies (excluding *The Piano*) and why people are not seen practicing safe sex in the movies.

"No one is seen using a condom in sex scenes in movies," Hernandez said. "They don't know how to put one on properly. It's not enough to just to grab a condom during a sex scene, but they need to show how it's put on."

During "Magic Touch: Massage Therapy," Alan Arper of Massage Associates gave a massage to a volunteer in the audience. The woman was massaged with her clothes on, and then Arper asked her to lie on her stomach, take off her shirt and unhook her bra to expose her back.

She said the massage was more effective once the clothing was removed. Arper used cream to lubricate his hands and massaged her shoulders, neck and arms. He also asked her to take off her shoes and socks so he could massage her feet and toes.

Some of the women brought up the problem of being ticklish. Arper said as long as the massager's hands are not tense, the person receiving the massage should feel comfortable.

The coordinators of the program agreed that the event was successful and they plan to have one next year.

"I think it was a positive to see people communicating with each other and taking advantage of meeting new people and making connections," said Erica Olson, a Wellness Advocate member.

Another member, Heather Oerstrike, said the workshop was beneficial because women should try to support each other and build friendships, so they are not competing with one another.

"The range of women at the seminar - the large number of freshmen, seniors, graduates and alumni - shows there is an interest in (women's health) on campus," she added. "We started to break down some myths people hold with body image and AIDS. My hope is all the women who came today will spread the information they learned with their friends."

## Stepping out from behind Oprah's shadow

BY MEGAN STACK  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Two freshman girls entering for Stedman Graham's book signing last Thursday were a little out of the loop. Rushing in, they stopped a few feet from the desk where Graham sat receiving a thin trickle of customers.

"Oh, wait," said one of the girls. "Do we have to buy the book? Look, all those people already have it."

"Yeah, maybe," said the other. "How much do you think it is?"

"Probably at least \$20."

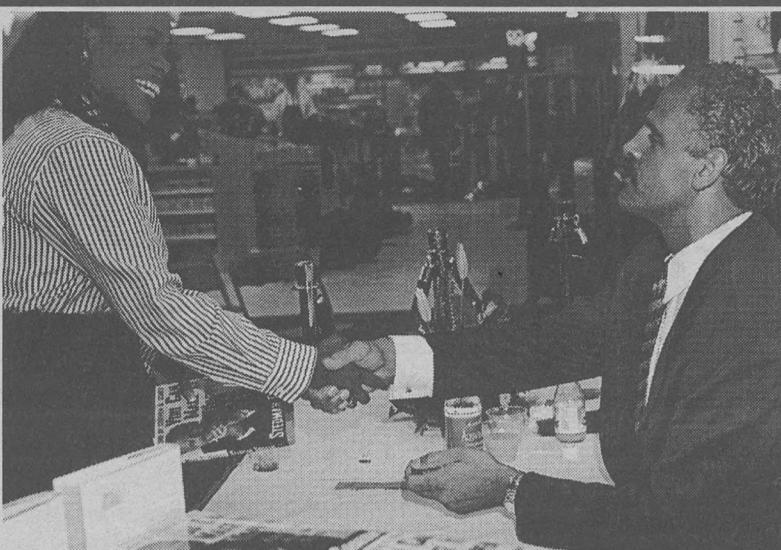
"Well, I don't want it that bad. I just wanted to see Oprah's boyfriend."

"There he is."

"Yep, there he is," agreed the girl. "Look, free food." They headed for the buffet table.

If Graham found his way to the limelight as, in the words of McCall's magazine, "Mr. Oprah," he is now traveling the country on his own mission. His book signing tour is a nation-wide plug for the recently released *You Can Make It Happen: A Nine Step Plan for Success* (Simon & Schuster), written with Wes Smith.

"It was soothing to my soul to write this book," Graham writes in the prologue of a book that



names as its influences Moses, Joan of Arc, Henry David Thoreau, the Dalai Lama and, of course, Oprah Winfrey.

In the book, Graham writes about his lowly beginnings in New Jersey, and offers nine secrets to success that range from "Pilot the seasons of change" to "Build your dream team."

But Graham has much more up his sleeve than a self-help book. He is also chairman and chief executive officer of S. Graham & Associates, a sports management and marketing firm, a partner at Kemper Golf Management and the founder of Athletes Against Drugs.

He is also, unbeknownst to many students, the director of the Forum for Sports and Special Events Management at GW.

"He takes a very active role in the program," said Ron Willis, assistant to GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg for Congressional and federal relations. "He's been here three years and in that time has turned it into a full and complete education program with graduate and undergraduate parts."

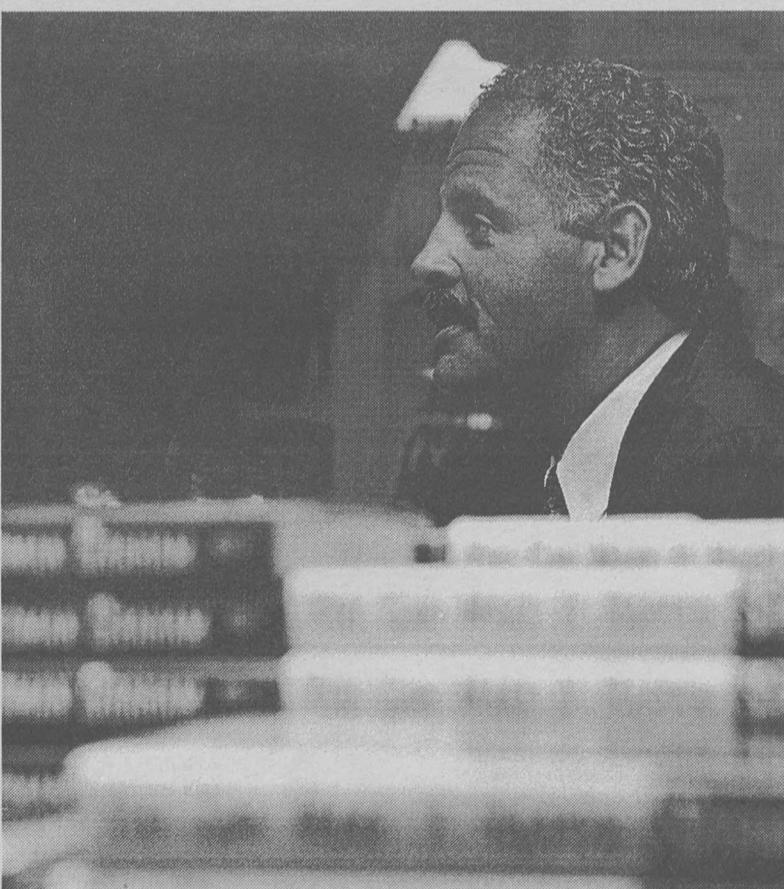
Graham, who spoke briefly Thursday about the importance of black involvement in the community, said he hopes to open up sports management to minorities and women through the GW program.

"Ninety percent of the managerial base in the sports industry is comprised of white males," Graham told the crowd.

Graham raised \$3 million to establish stipends, and helped to frame the young GW program. Through outreach efforts, the department seeks out women and minority students. Basically a small business school, the classes focus on event and sports management and offer certification and "train the trainer" workshops.

"He's really very work-oriented, very geared toward putting people in the field," said Brian Chisolm, a masters candidate in the program. "We keep in constant contact - nothing in this program moves without him. He's a very influential man, very powerful."

"They used to call me Oprah's boyfriend," Graham told the New York Times last month. "Some people call me Stedman now."



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**Stedman Graham signs copies of his book at the GW Bookstore Thursday. Oprah's leading man is the director of the Forum for Sports and Special Events Management at GW.**

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 Comfort Inn, 500 H St. N.W., 289-5959  
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 Grand, 2350 M St. N.W., 429-0100  
 Guest Quarters, 2500 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 333-8060; 801 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., 785-2000; 2500 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 333-8060  
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 Inter-Continental, 1455 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 638-5600  
 Latham Hotel Georgetown, 3000 M St. N.W., 726-5000  
 J.W. Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., 393-2000  
 Marriott, 775 12th St. N.W., 737-2200  
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 One Washington Circle, 1 Washington Circle N.W., 872-1680  
 Park Hyatt Georgetown, 24th Street at M Street N.W., 789-1234  
 Radisson, 2121 P St. N.W., 293-3100  
 Ritz-Carlton, 2100 Mass Ave. N.W., 293-2100  
 River Inn, 924 25th St. N.W., 337-7600  
 Savoy Suites, 2505 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., 337-9700  
 Sheraton-Carlton, 16th and K streets N.W., 638-2626  
 Sheraton, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., 775-0800  
 Sheraton, 2600 Woodley Rd. N.W., 328-2000  
 State Plaza, 2117 E St. N.W., 861-8200  
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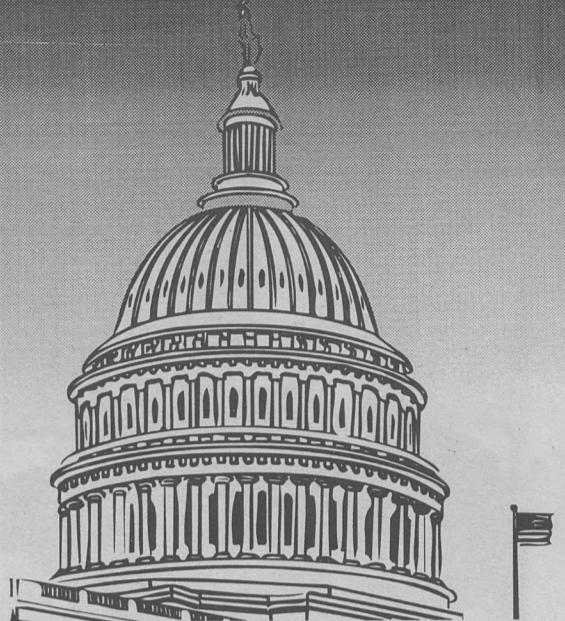
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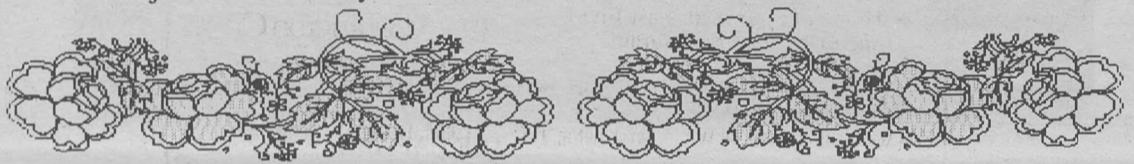
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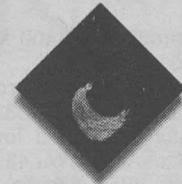
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Zed's, 3318 M St., N.W.  
Red Sea, 2463 18th St., N.W.  
Meskereem, 2434 18th St., N.W.

### Brazilian

Amazonia, 4615 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.  
The Grill from Ipanema, 1858 Columbia Rd., N.W.

### Cajun

Bardia's, 2412 18th St., N.W.

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Cafe Atlantico, 405 8th St., N.W.  
Montego Cafe, 2437 18th St., N.W.

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China Regency, 3000 K St., N.W.  
Mr. Yung's, 740 6th St., N.W.  
Sichuan Pavilion, 1820 K St., N.W.  
Yeching Palace, 3524 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

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La Fourchette, 2429 18th St., N.W.  
Rive Gauche, 1725 F St., N.W.  
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### Indian

Taj Mahal, 1327 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Aroma, 1919 I St., N.W.  
Bombay Palace, 1815 K St., N.W.

### Italian

Cantina Romana, 3251 Prospect St., N.W.  
Charing Cross, 3027 M St., N.W.  
Veneziano, 2305 18th St., N.W.  
Filomena, 1063 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.  
Primi Piatti, 2013 I St., N.W.  
Petito's, 2653 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

### Japanese

Ginza, 1009 21st, St., N.W.  
Samurai Japanese Steak House, 3222 M St., N.W.  
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Pentagon City features Mozzarella's and Ruby Tuesday restaurants suitable for family or romantic dining experiences. It also has several Hallmarks and other gift specialty shops for those seeking a last-minute gift for a graduate. By Metro from the Foggy Bottom stop, it is approximately 15 minutes away on the Blue Line.

Union Station features Pizzeria Uno and America restaurants suitable for a friendly dining experience. It has specialty stores ranging from Bath and Body Works to Crown Bookstore. From the Foggy Bottom Metro, it is about a 15-minute ride, including a transfer to the Red Line at the Metro Center.

Pentagon City and Union Station both have Häagen-Daz ice cream stores. Pentagon City also has various pastry and cookie stores for those with a sweet tooth. For those health conscious people, Pentagon City has a General Nutrition Center. Aside from Hallmark, other stores

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# Error affects 33 law schools' rankings

(from p. 1)

"everybody is laughing. This high and mighty organization, that has taken the position that they are solving the problem of the legal world (with their rankings) ... they come crashing down on their own tail. We are not unhappy."

Fallows apologized for the mistake, but defended the value of the annual rankings.

"We do everything we can to ensure accuracy in our reporting, and we take this mistake very seriously," Fallows said in a statement. "The trust U.S. News has established with its readers is very important to us. We recognize that it must be based on the integrity of our product."

Raven-Hansen said the system is flawed and fails to capture several important aspects of legal education.

"They measure only what they think they can quantify," he said. "They ignore the quality of teaching. All good law schools are skeptical of this kind of enterprise."

Both Raven-Hansen and Student Bar Association President Brian King said the ratings should be the least important factor in choosing a law school, but nonetheless agreed that they do have an impact.

"Where we fall generally speak-

ing is important," Raven-Hansen said.

"I don't think they capture the essence of a university," King said, "but they do in a sense capture the perceptions people have of a particular school."

"I'm glad we bumped up a spot, but for better or worse, these numbers are here to stay and they are important."

U.S. News will run a correction in Monday's edition with the revised rankings and has recalled its "1997 America's Best Graduate Schools" guidebook from newsstands until new copies can be printed.

The total cost to reprint the guidebook will run in excess of a half million dollars, U.S. News President and Publisher Thomas Evans said last week.

"What we had to do was ensure the integrity of the product regardless of what the cost was, and the cost is considerable," Fallows said.

Among D.C. area law schools, only GW and Georgetown University Law School changed positions. Georgetown moved up from No. 14 to 13.

American University, Catholic University, George Mason University and the University of Maryland law schools all remained in the non-ranked second tier. Howard University remained in the third tier.

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## Sayegh names two to Senate positions

Student Association Executive Vice President-elect Tony Sayegh named the secretary and parliamentarian of next year's SA Senate last week.

Jeremy Gosbee, a junior majoring in political science, will be the Senate secretary. He serves as director of operations and administration for the GW College Republicans.

Matthew Leddicote will serve a second year as parliamentarian. He currently shares the position

with Michael Petron, who was elected to a seat on next year's Marvin Center Governing Board.

Leddicote, a freshman in the School of Business and Public Management, said of the Senate, "It is working well, it can work better. I look forward to another year on the SA and on the Senate again."

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# Court fails to reach decision in *McKenna v. JEC*

## Commission defends poll on posterizing, palmcarding

BY MATT BERGER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Student Court did not reach a ruling Sunday night about whether the two ballot questions placed in the student elections voting machines last month

were constitutional.

"The court has not reached a decision," Chief Judge Tom Boer said. "We will let everyone know within our three-day period."

The court must make a ruling by Wednesday evening.

Because the court contains four

members, it is possible for a deadlock to exist. Former Judge Christopher Parker resigned last week to head Student Association President-elect Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar's transition team.

"I think the court would do its very best to reach a decision and

not deadlock because it would leave the case uncertain," Boer said. "However, no judge will compromise their views to avoid a deadlocked decision."

SA President Damian McKenna and Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski sued the Joint Elections Committee, claiming that the two questions, asking whether the JEC should ban palmcarding and posterizing, violated the SA Constitution.

"The result of any particular question is binding upon the Student Association," SA Vice President for Legislative and Judicial Affairs Shawn Stephens argued.

McKenna and Gayoski claimed that referenda can only be placed on the ballot with a two-thirds vote of the Senate or petition by 10 percent of the student body.

"The JEC did not follow guidelines because the questions were in no way, shape or form SA referenda," JEC member and counsel Andy Norin said.

As to why the JEC did not announce its intentions to place the questions on the ballot before, Norin said, "We wanted the students, right after being palmcarded, to decide whether they wanted palm cards, without political discussion."

"There is nothing in the JEC charter or the SA Constitution

dealing with these matters at all," Norin said.

The Student Court had placed an injunction against the JEC, barring it from publicly announcing the results of the questions. However, challengers, who viewed the results with the JEC, were allowed to read the results.

Students voted 790-579 in favor of banning palmcarding, and 840-477 against banning posterizing.

"The JEC took no steps from letting challengers or the press look at the results," Stephens said.

"I thought we presented an articulate case," Stephens said after the arguments.

Assistant Vice President for Legislative and Judicial Affairs Peter Marquez said, "We didn't have much to go on. They didn't issue much of a brief. What it comes down to is that we want the students to know there was wrongdoing," Marquez said. "It's wasted a lot of time."

"There is a chance that the JEC could get ruled against," Norin said. "But it would be a very narrow decision, and the court would never give the SA the only right to put questions on the ballot."

"I thought my argument went OK," he said. "It's a shame that the judges were the ones who brought pertinent arguments against me, not the plaintiff's counsel."

# Do This!

## GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

**CAREER CENTER**, Employer Information Session-NOS Communication. Marvin Center 411, 6:00-7:00 PM. Info? Contact Karen at 994-8633.

**STUDY ABROAD**, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

**STUDY ABROAD**, The Jazz Hour With Marc Wojno. WRTV AM 600, 4:30 PM. Info? Contact Peter at 994-0028.

**GW VIRGINIA CAMPUS**, Coffeehouse: Poetry Readings and Musical Stories. 20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, VA, 7:30 PM. \$5 per person. Info? Contact Miriam at 703-729-8218.

**INSTITUTE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**, International Committee Meeting, Rice Hall 6th Floor Conference Room, 3:00-4:00 PM. Info? Contact Ivana at 994-0743.

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**, Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on Globalization. Marvin Center 415, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 333-4249.

**SAILING CLUB**, General Information Meeting. Marvin Center 401, 9:00 PM. Info? email us at gwsail@gwi2.circ.gwu.edu

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**, Meeting. Marvin Center 403, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Maha at 333-1677.

**STUDENT ASSOCIATION**, 2nd Annual Off-Campus Housing Orientation. Marvin Center Ballroom, 8:00 PM. Contact Nerissa at 994-7100.

**Senate Meeting**. Marvin Center 403, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Dianne at 994-7100.

**STUDY ABROAD**, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

**CAREER CENTER**, Employer Information Session-American Express Financial Services. Marvin Center 404, 9:00 AM-12 Noon. Info? Contact Karen at 994-8633.

**COUNSELING CENTER**, Academic Success Series, "Score Higher on Tests II". 2033 K Street, Suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Call 994-5300.

**STUDY ABROAD**, None Of The Above With Matt, Kathy and C-Bazz. WRTV AM 600, 5:30 PM. Info? Contact Peter at 994-0028.

**EMES**, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class, Hillel, 2300 H Street, 7:45 PM. Info? Contact Mat at 994-9527.

### MARCH 10 - 16

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**INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH**, "Does Future Trading Increase Price Volatility?". Crain Center (lower level of Government Hall), Noon-1:30 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 994-5402.

**STUDY ABROAD**, Financial Assistance and Study Abroad. Stuart Hall 103, 4:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

**COUNSELING CENTER**, Managing Your Stress. 2033 K Street NW, Suite 330, 2:00-4:00 PM. Info? Contact Diane DePalma at 994-5300.

**STUDY ABROAD**, "The Show" with Kai. WRTV AM 600, 6:15 PM. Info? Contact Peter at 994-0028.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETY**, ISS Coffee Hour. ISS Lounge, 2129 G Street, 4:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact ISS at 994-6864.

**OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE**, Information Session To Learn About OCL/GA Positions. Marvin Center 5C, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Darin at 994-8273.

**STUDY ABROAD**, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 1:00 PM.

**University of Sussex Information Session**. Stuart Hall 103, 4:00 PM.

Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

**UNIVERSITY SHOW CHOIR**, Informational Meeting. Marvin Center 409, 8:00-9:00 PM. Info? Contact Kate at 676-7361.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

**INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH Seminar**, International Telecom. Corcoran Hall 302, 4:00-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Mary at 994-7732.

**STUDY ABROAD**, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:30 AM.

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 15

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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"Do This!" submissions are due by Noon on the Wednesday preceding publication or they can be dropped off at Marvin Center 427. We reserve the right to limit each office to three submissions per week.

**SA Vice President for Judicial and Legislative Affairs Shawn Stephens** argued that the JEC had no authority to post referenda without SA approval in last month's elections.

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# SORC opens to rave reviews from students

BY BROOKE McMANUS  
HATCHET REPORTER

Student organizations that had to copy fliers in the Student Association office and fax information from Kinko's can breathe a sigh of relief.

The new Student Organization Resource Center gives student groups access to their own equipment. All registered student groups will be able to use SORC's fax machine, computer and copier.

"This is a room that is going to be dedicated ... to (the student groups') purposes," said Heather Rothwell, a member of the Class of 1999 committee, who participated in this summer's meetings that conceived the center. Smaller groups that do not have offices will benefit from SORC as well.

"It will be helpful for us," said Sara Rab of the GW Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

Rab said she is forced to use the fax machine at her workplace now, and she suspects other student leaders do the same.

"It's a nice idea," Rab said. "I imagine I'll use (SORC) once every two weeks or so."

Student groups will be able to use a free copy card for their first 1,000 copies, and after that they will incur a minimal charge to use the copy machine.

Many organizations use the copiers for free in the SA office or

the Office of Campus Activities, but they usually provide their own paper.

Choice First member Katherine Carpenter said she uses the SA copy facilities but has to buy the copy paper.

"A lot of our budget went to ... photocopying for fliers," she said.

Now that she has access to the SORC copier, Carpenter said she would not be "so hesitant to make copies."

Other groups may not benefit at all from the SORC. Megan Myers, of Students for Environmental Action, said she probably would not need the copier or the computer.

"Usually we can get (copies) for free" from the SA or the Office of Campus Activities, Myers said. Her group prints double-sided copies and provides its own paper.

"Most of our members do our work on our own computers," Myers said, so they probably will not use the SORC computer.

Marvin Center Governing Board Vice Chair Jonathan Pompan, who chaired the committee this summer that planned the opening of SORC, said he hopes the center will "encourage and empower other student groups."

Pompan also put together the Office of Campus Leadership library, which will provide how-to manuals and other resources to guide student leaders.

## SPOTLIGHT

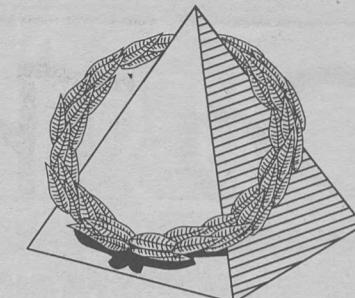
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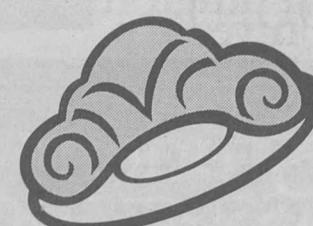
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# Evans fights for Hospital sale

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city's equivalent to an attorney general's office. The bill requires any private organizations seeking to purchase private or public non-profit hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, or ambulatory surgical facilities to go through an extensive application process.

The Corporation Counsel would require a written application at least 90 days before the purchase that would include the terms of the agreement, a report from an independent expert and "all related documents." The independent expert would have to be pre-approved by the counsel.

The counsel would have the ability to subpoena information or witnesses, require and administer oaths and use "related discovery procedures for purpose of the public hearing at any time prior to making a decision on the application."

Furthermore, the counsel would assess the applicant with the costs related to the hearing. The counsel would have up to 90 days to notify the applicants of its decisions.

Allen said she sponsored the bill in response to the sale of a non-profit hospital in Ward 8 that hurt residents of the area. "We lost a non-profit to a for-profit hos-

pital," she said, referring to Hadley Memorial, in southeast Washington. "It gives me great concern. We've already had that happen."

"It is our view that there is a process in place which we actually negotiated with members of the City Council and a Washington Hospital Center panel in October. That is the certificate-of-need legislation," said Ruth Jordan, the director of public relations for the GW Medical Center. That arrangement already provides for the full public disclosure of the terms of any agreement, she said.

Allen emphasized that her bill's purpose was to ensure that the public interest is served in these acquisitions. "The public has no guarantee that the charitable care or hospital staffing will continue. With my bill ... everything is out in the sunshine," she said.

Those concerns are unnecessary, according to Jordan. "GW and OrNda HealthCorp.," which has since been sold to Tenet, "have signed a letter of intent to create a partnership that will ensure continuity and enhancement of the GW Hospital in the Washington Circle area. This assures continuation of vital services, including the emergency room and trauma center," she said in a statement.

# SA aims to send unified message

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among students to ensure their concerns are considered, he said.

SA President Damian McKenna said he supports the boycott, though he cannot lead it because he thinks such a role would weaken his ability to bargain with administrators.

"Why would a bargainer strike before anything is bargained?" he said of his position.

McKenna said low quality food at J Street coupled with occasions of rude comments from employees illustrate a pervasive lack of customer service on campus. He pointed to botched and delayed financial aid packages, and even

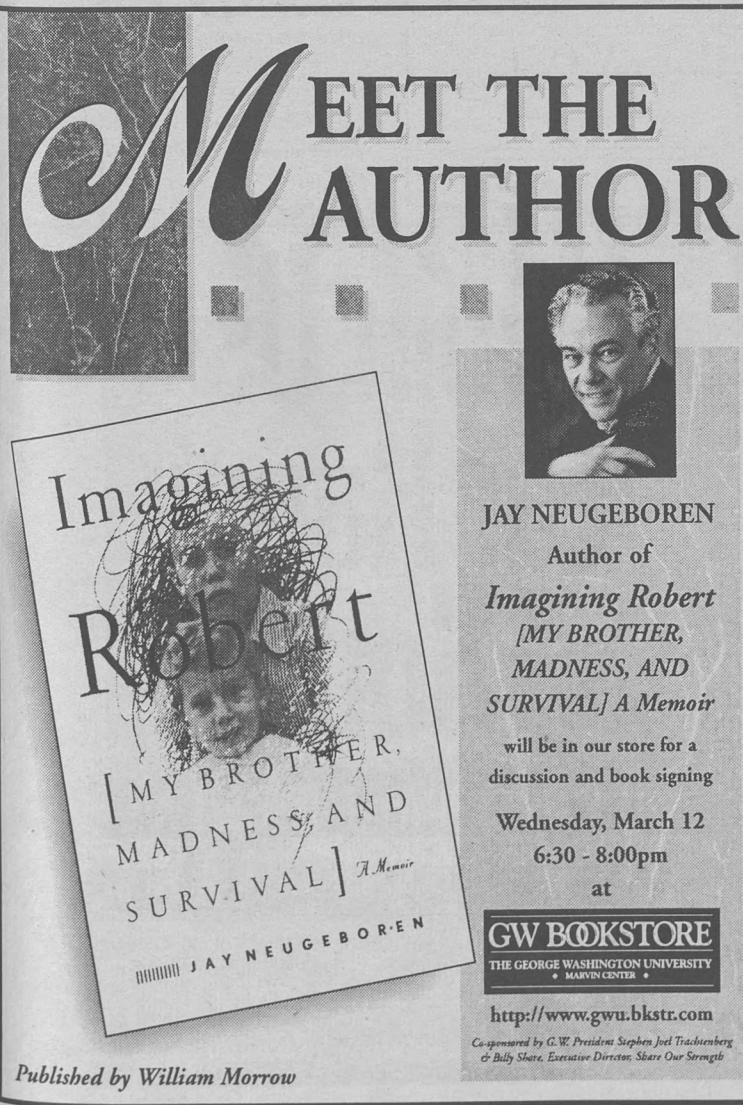
the administration failing to meet with student leaders earlier to discuss rate hikes, as other examples of this shortfall.

"I share that frustration, and regret that I'm not able to devote my whole time to (the boycott)," McKenna added.

The boycott will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, and an organizational meeting will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the SA office, Siple said.

Siple stressed that the boycott will be organized and run "professionally" so that no problems undermine students' ability to mobilize and get their message out.

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## Students cite top concerns

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number had not yet been announced.

"We sat down with the board after the meeting and spoke with them about the increase," McKenna said. "But we didn't get numbers."

"No one has officially told us anything," McKenna said of the administration.

McKenna said the Student Leadership Team, which will meet with Chernak and President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg on Thursday, "will not support a 6.9

percent increase in any way."

"Everyone understands that there has to be an increase," McKenna said. "We just think that 6.9 is too high. Period."

McKenna noted that the only other increase as high as GW's was Boston University, which will increase its tuition 7 percent next year.

Chernak said he believes the Board of Trustees is satisfied with the tuition increase proposal. "Generally, I think that there has been widespread endorsement of the philosophy for the expenditure," he said.

Chernak also said some Board members might be concerned that although it is justified, a 6.9 percent increase is too much.

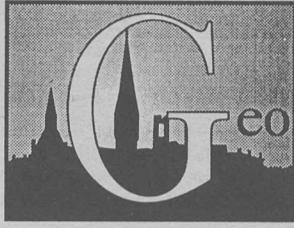
McKenna agreed that some expenditures covered by the tuition increase are justified. In a survey done by the leadership team at a town hall meeting March 6 in Thurston Hall, 50 percent of students called the financial aid office their biggest concern with the University, followed by technology, dining services, administrative communication and class size.

"People are not mad because they did not get enough financial aid, they are mad at the financial aid office," McKenna said. Students have complained that the office has distributed packages late and has been unorganized.

Chernak also noted that the students do not get to make the tuition increase decision. "Setting the tuition and fees is the matter of the Board of Trustees," Chernak said. "It's not in the hands of students or administrators."

"I expect that there will be some type of compromise," McKenna said. "I would be surprised if they accept the 6.9 percent."

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# SPORTS

## After UMass win, GW falls to St. Joe's in A-10

**Colonials now prepare for Michigan State in NIT**

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
SPORTS EDITOR

PHILADELPHIA — The GW men's basketball team had been looking forward to the Atlantic 10 tournament in Philadelphia for weeks. In the postgame press conferences leading up to the tournament, it seemed both the players and head coach Mike Jarvis were thinking of nothing else.

In Philadelphia, they said, all the disappointments of this season would be erased by a strong GW run.

The Colonials did not win it all, but put forth a gallant effort, toppling Massachusetts 58-49 in Thursday's quarterfinal before falling to St. Joseph's 78-70 Friday in the semifinal.

GW will play at Michigan State Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

### St. Joseph's 78, GW 70

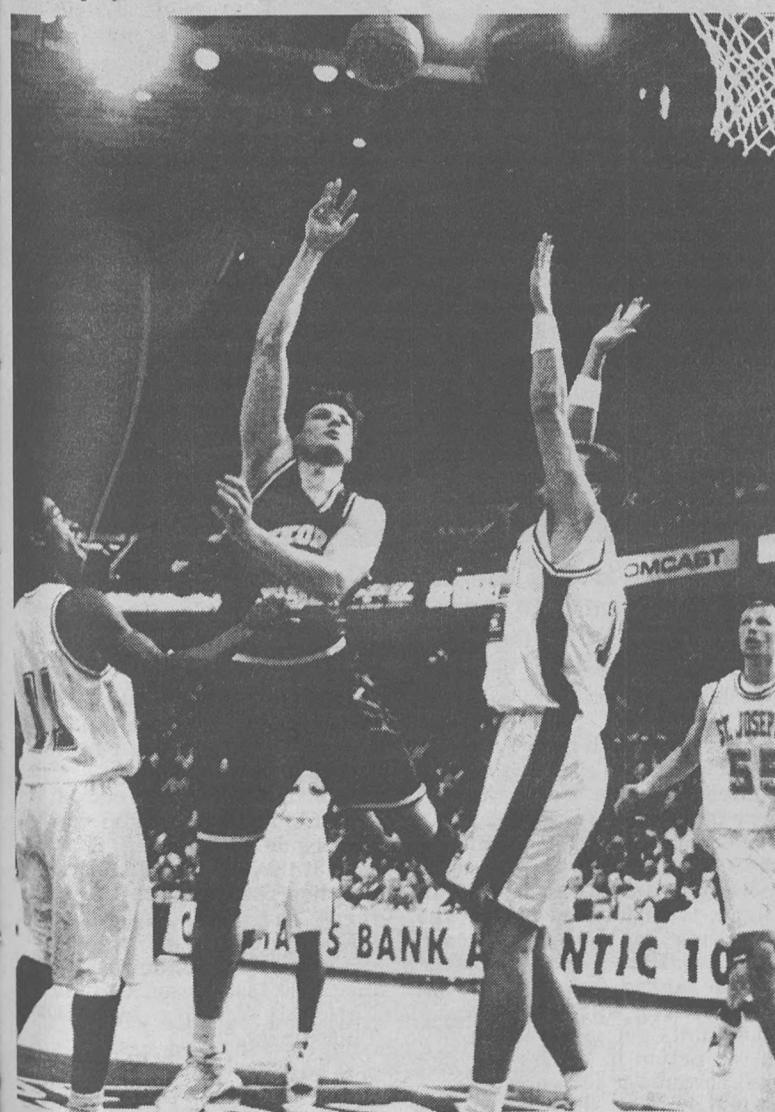
With eight minutes to go against St. Joseph's Friday, things looked bleak for the Colonials. Their coach had just been ejected from the game for receiving two technical fouls. Their center had just fouled out after getting whistled for fouls twice in eight seconds. To top things off, the Hawks had just increased their lead to 18 points by hitting six consecutive free throws.

But GW went on a 22-9 run that cut the St. Joe's lead to only five points with 1:25 to go. In the end, however, the Hawks made crucial free throws to come away with the 78-70 win.

Jarvis went berserk after Koul was called for his fourth and fifth fouls. The officials called two technicals on Jarvis because of the tirade. Terrell Myers of St. Joseph's hit all six of the ensuing free throws.

GW's play after Jarvis was ejected pleased the coach. "I believe in fairness, and I do believe in fighting for my kids, and I'll do what I think is appropriate," he said. "They did what they were supposed to do. They played hard and they played clean. As far as I'm concerned, there was no disgrace."

The players also were motivated by the surreal turn



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor

The Colonials showed true heart after center Alexander Koul fouled out with eight minutes to go against St. Joseph's

of events. "We came back real well, and we came together as a unit," swingman J.J. Brade said. "Coach sent us a message that we were against everybody."

The Hawks led from the opening whistle, using three-pointers in the first half and foul shots in the second. St. Joe's hit six treys in the first half, and converted 30 of 43 foul shots for the game. The 43 attempts was an A-10 tournament record.

Yegor Mescheriakov led GW with 19 points. Shawnta Rogers added 12, while Brade finished with 11. Darin Green came off the bench after Jarvis was ejected, hitting two threes on his way to 10 points in only seven minutes of action.

### GW 58, UMass 49

Led by Mescheriakov, who had 25 points and 11 rebounds, GW defeated a cold-shooting Massachusetts squad 58-49 Thursday.

UMass, the No. 3 seed from the A-10's East Division, went 10 minutes without a field goal midway through the second half, and GW took full advantage, turning a one-point deficit into a nine-point lead with 5:07 to go. The Colonials made 8 of 11 free throws after that to seal the win.

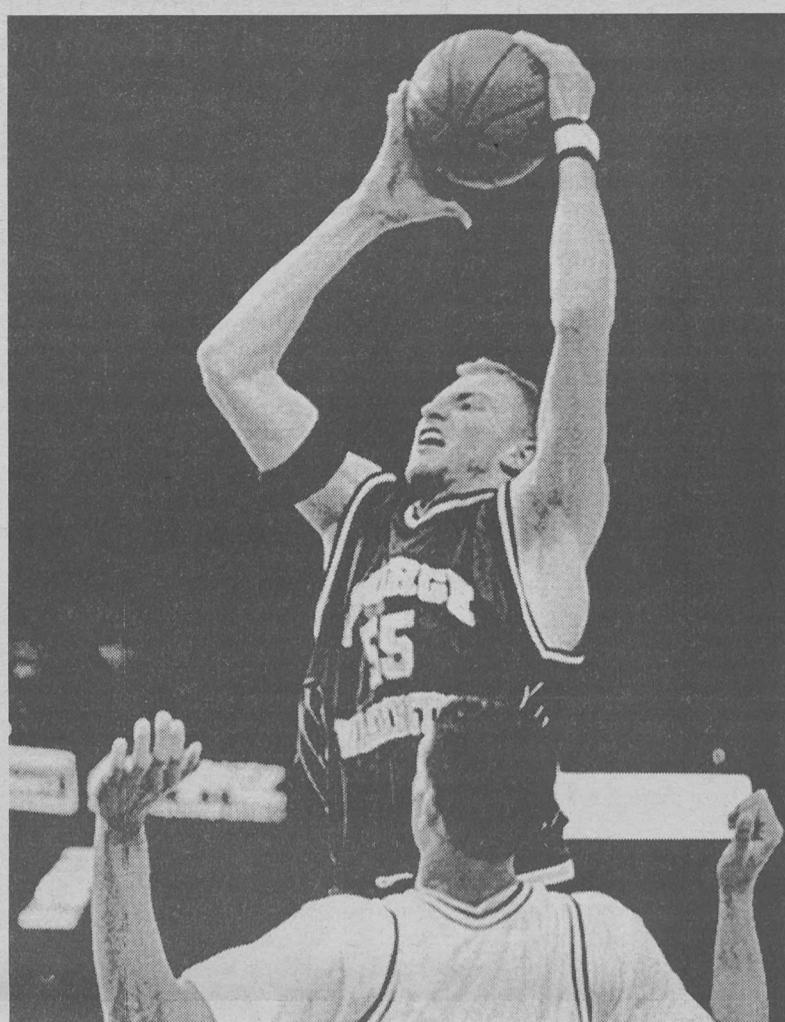
Mescheriakov came alive in the second half, scoring 16 of GW's first 20 points. He said the desire for the team to prove itself in Philadelphia made him better.

"It was a very special game for us," Mescheriakov said. "After the season, finishing 14-12, it hurt us a lot. We wanted to come out real strong."

The Minutemen had problems with a GW zone that forced them to shoot from the outside, where they were quite unsuccessful. Their three-guard tandem of Charlton Clarke, Edgar Padilla and Carmelo Travieso went a combined 6-31 from the field.

"We just tried to put a lot of pressure on the ball, so they wouldn't get any easy looks from the inside, and make them take outside shots," Rogers said.

Koul had 14 points for GW and had no problem with UMass center Lari Ketner, who had Koul's number when the two teams met earlier in the year. Ketner led the Minutemen with 12 points on 5-7 shooting.



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Yegor Mescheriakov paced the Colonials in both of their Atlantic 10 tournament games. He scored 25 points against UMass and had 19 against St. Joseph's.

## Proud Jarvis looks ahead after Colonials' comeback attempt fails

BY DAVE MANN  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — With eight minutes left in the GW men's basketball team's Atlantic 10 tournament semifinal game against St. Joseph's Friday, the Colonials found themselves trailing by 18 points.

GW head coach Mike Jarvis had been ejected after arguing fouls called on center Alexander Koul, and the game seemed out of reach. But just as they have all season, the Colonials continued to fight. In a furious rush of three-pointers and trapping defense, GW cut the lead down to five points with only a minute left.

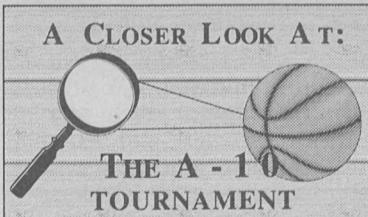
St. Joe's hung on for a 78-70 win, dooming GW to an NIT appearance, but what was clearly evident Friday night was that the Colonials' heart and added talent should make GW's future bright.

After the game, Jarvis focused on his team's effort in the face of adversity.

"The kids, they never stopped," Jarvis said. "That was one of the most uplifting and memorable experiences of my life. To feel the enthusiasm and to know that they were not going to quit, that's what they promised me before I left the court. I think they did themselves proud."

With St. Joe's ahead 52-42, Koul was called for his fourth foul and a technical was called on the angry GW bench. On the ensuing possession Koul picked up his fifth foul. Two technicals were then called on Jarvis for arguing.

When the dust had cleared, Jarvis had been ejected and St. Joe's had gotten eight points from



the free throw line, ballooning the Hawk's lead to 18 points, 60-42, in six seconds.

Although Jarvis was not on the court and Koul had fouled out, the Colonials certainly did not quit. In the final eight minutes of the game Shawnta Rogers still dove on the floor for loose balls and the Colonials hustled and shot their way back into the game.

In the final minutes, St. Joe's hit clutch free throws to put the game away, but the Colonials showed they have the consistency of effort needed to be a winning team.

Even though GW had a disappointing record, did not win the A-

10 tournament and will go to the NIT instead of the NCAA Tournament, Jarvis and his Colonials can be proud of their effort in the season's final games. A young team learning how to win can still benefit from morale boosts.

GW did not win Friday night, but Jarvis pointed out that this game could be another learning experience that will help his team in the future.

"In a couple of years when we're going deep into the NCAA Tournament, we'll look back and say maybe on March 7th, 1997, we might have been aided a little bit," Jarvis said. "We'll use this like we do everything else, in a positive way."

Jarvis has said in the past that he enjoys coaching this season's Colonials more than some of his more successful teams of the past, because despite a disappointing record, his team has continued to play and practice hard.

"The future for GW is great," Jarvis said. "I've been excited all year no matter what the outcome. I've been excited not only about this season but more importantly the future. When you look at the number of young players that played and some of the other players that we want to play, the future at GW is brighter than it's ever been."

# SPORTS

Musings from Philly

## Colonials claim moral victory despite SJU loss

PHILADELPHIA — GW squared off against three opponents Friday night in Philadelphia. St. Joseph's, a solid basketball team that deservedly won the Atlantic 10 title, was the first. The Hawks' fans, who heartily outnumbered the GW faithful, were second. And finally, the Colonials had to battle the officials, who set a new standard for incompetence.

With so many elements going against it, GW was destined to lose on the scoreboard, and it did. But if you look beyond the score, the Colonials showed things I have rarely seen in four years here, namely unity and heart.

First and foremost, GW did not lose the game because of the officials. The Hawks were shooting the lights out, making big shots when they had to and sealing the game from the foul line. But the refs did make a Colonial comeback impossible.

A-10 Commissioner Linda Bruno has to do something about the deplorable state of officiating (both for men's and women's hoops — the GW women got hosed, too) in her conference. They have to be held accountable for their actions. Look at the fourth foul they called on Alexander Koul. The only reason he slammed Terrell Myers of St. Joe's to the floor was because MYERS GAVE HIM A CROSS CHECK!!! But this is not a foul, in the worthless eyes of the A-10 officials.

In my eyes, Mike Jarvis had every right to go nuts. This has been going on all season. His actions were probably the final nail in the GW coffin, but what happened after he got tossed was simply amazing.

It all started before Jarvis left the court, when all the players gathered around him, jumping up and down in a display of unity and support for both their coach and each other. After play resumed, GW whitewashed down an 18-point St. Joe's lead with play that was simply inspiring.

Everyone who played showed courage and grit, but one Colonial stood out — Darin Green, who hasn't been 100 percent healthy all season. He came off the bench and was an instant spark, scoring 10 points in only seven minutes, while playing excellent defense, as well.

Hopefully, the fire GW started Saturday night will continue burning, both this season in the NIT and next season.

—Matt Bonesteel

## GW fans miss out on great Colonial action

PHILADELPHIA — For those of you who did not attend the Atlantic 10 tournament in Philly this past weekend, and from a personal count that is the entire student body minus the 50 who actually showed, you missed two of the best games of the season.

The GW Colonials, however, did not miss you. They defeated the despised Massachusetts Minutemen and put up a great fight against St. Joe's and its stupid hawk. And they did it all without you.

If anything is worse than a fan jumping on the bandwagon of a good team, it's a fan abandoning a team because it's not meeting expectations. This is too bad, because GW fans have been known to be the sixth man in important games — just ask women's head coach Joe McKeown about the victory over Drake two years ago in the second round of the NCAAs.

With all of the Minutemen fans at the Spectrum Friday night, you'd think UMass was a Philly school and not one six hours away in Amherst. Some leftover Temple fans from the

game before felt so bad for the lack of support for GW they started cheering for us.

There is no excuse why more GW fans were not in Philadelphia. Tickets and a bus ride were under \$20, and it's not like you had something better to do. Contrary to grossly misinformed pollsters, GW is not a party school.

It's not just this past weekend that's the problem. All season long obnoxious GW fans have been making such comments as "Assholes!" and "Bring out the women!" during games. Next year, when GW is kicking ass, I can't wait to see these same fans at the games so I can laugh in their faces.

The GW men not only deserve your attention and respect for their impressive talent and hard work, but they also should have your unconditional support for the recognition they bring to our school. Just remember: If not for Jarvis and the GW basketball program, George Washington would still be "that school in St. Louis."

—Claire Duggan

## Loss forgotten, 5th-seeded GW gets to host Northwestern

BY BEN OSBORNE  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the end, the biggest disappointment of the GW women's basketball season didn't turn out all that bad.

Conventional wisdom said that the Colonial Women's loss to St. Joseph's in last Monday's Atlantic 10 championship had doomed them to a road trip for the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

But the women's selection committee, acknowledging the obvious merits of a 25-5 team, gave GW a No. 5 seed and a somewhat bizarre home court advantage. The Colonial Women will take on 12th-seeded Northwestern in Saturday's East Regional first round game at the Smith Center. The game will start at about 8:30 p.m.

In the women's NCAA Tournament, four teams from each region host the first two rounds before play moves to neutral sites for the round of 16. Usually the host schools are a top-four seed, and every one except for GW was this year. But in the east regional, Tulane earned the fourth seed, yet the Colonial Women got the ever-important home game.

Both ESPN and GW Assistant Sports Information Director Chris Stockton said Tulane's home court is not big enough to host an NCAA game. Meanwhile, GW Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz said capacity was not a factor, but that Tulane's sports information office probably was not prepared to host any games.

GW head coach Joe McKeown said he does not really care how the seedings went down.

"I think it would be inappropriate for me to comment on how the selection committee did it, because I don't really know what they do," McKeown said. Confusion aside, McKeown was unquestionably excited.

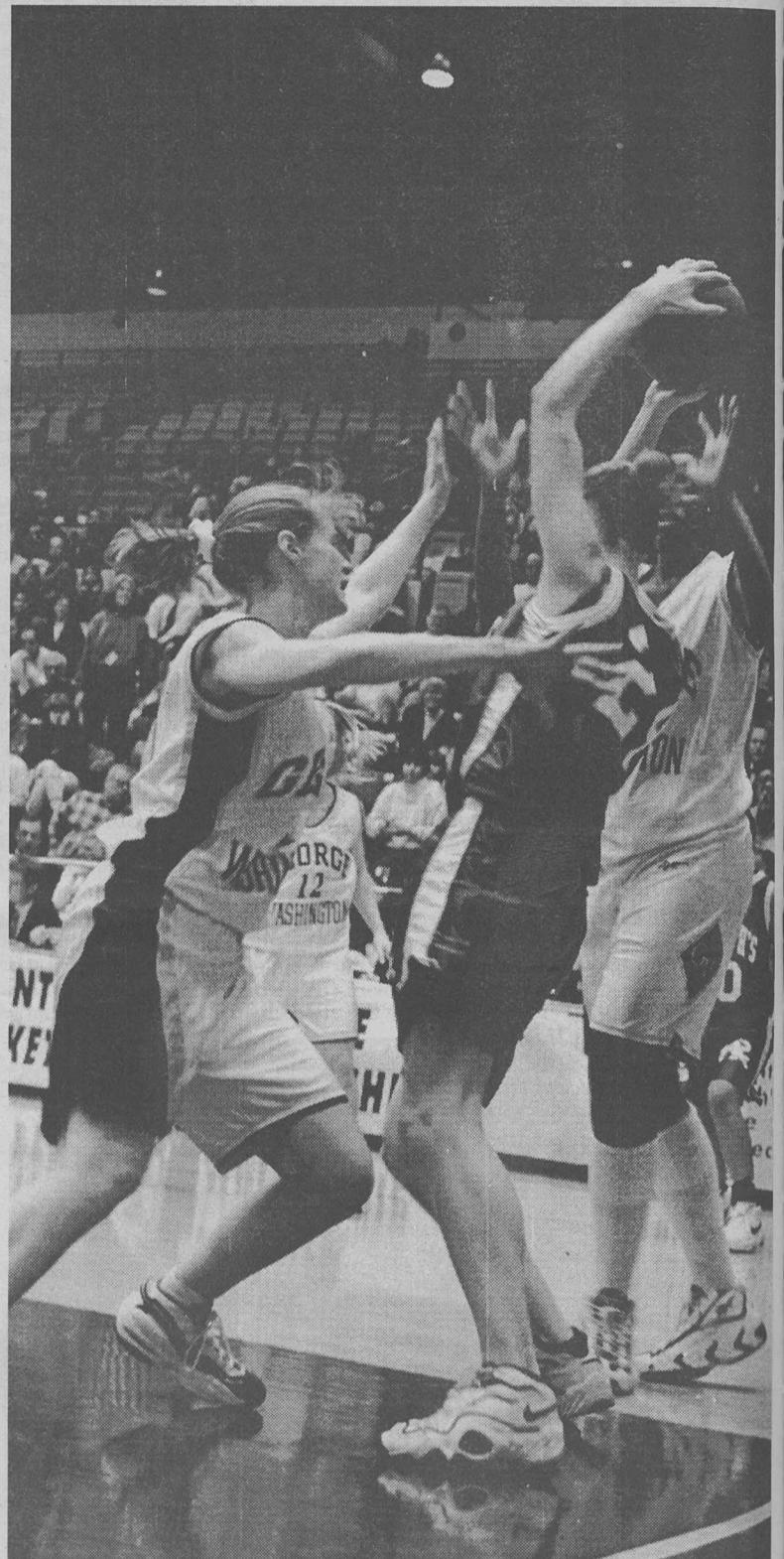
"This is a very special team," he said. "(It) captured the heart of our campus and fans, and I would have hated to see them have to travel for the first round."

The team realized its fate at a school-sponsored party for media and boosters in the Smith Center Sunday night. When ESPN's Robin Roberts read GW's seed, loud applause erupted from the team and fans, followed by a collective sigh of relief.

A season's worth of play largely designed to earn a home court bid almost went up in smoke when GW collapsed against St. Joe's Monday. Despite the obvious emotions displayed after the loss, GW players acknowledged before the seedings were announced that all would be forgotten if they still got to play at home.

"Initially it was really upsetting, but if we get to play at home it really doesn't matter," senior Lisa Cermignano said. "It was a wake-up call. We should be prepared for a close game now."

As for the task at hand, GW seems prepared. The Colonial Women rested their bodies and got caught up on schoolwork since the loss, and they will begin serious preparation Monday for Northwestern. The GW-



Jay Crystal/staff photographer  
GW's Colleen McCrea and Tajama Abraham apply pressure in last Monday's Atlantic 10 final against St. Joseph's. The Colonial Women will host Northwestern Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Northwestern winner will play the Tulane-U.C. Santa Barbara winner on March 24.

"You've got to go one at a time," McKeown said. "Northwestern's very talented."

Perhaps the most talented of the 17-10 Lady Wildcats is sophomore forward Kristina Divjak. Divjak is an Indiana native who, according to McKeown, nearly attended GW.

She ranked fourth in the Big 10 in scoring with an average of 19.4 points per game and is fifth in the nation in three-point field goal percentage (46 percent).

Long-range shooting is not only Divjak's strength, it is the whole team's. Northwestern

shoots a Division I-leading 42 percent from downtown and also averages 7.4 treys per game, second-most in the country.

Northwestern has one of the nation's most successful coaches on its side. Dan Perrelli is now in his 13th year at the Illinois school and has posted a 229-141 record there. This year's trip will be the Lady Wildcats' sixth trip to post-season play under Perrelli, including last season's trip to the National Women's Invitational Tournament.

The last time GW hosted an NCAA Tournament game, it beat Drake in overtime after rallying from a 17-point deficit with less than five minutes to play.

# SPORTS

The Lisner Hippo

## Globe-trotting Hippo sizes up Harlem's team

The Lisner Hippo finally got dragged (kicking and screaming) away from his NFL films on March 8. Desperately needing a good game and a quality pick, he headed out to USAir Arena in hopes of finding the action.

Accompanied by his new sidekick, the "SA Sensationalizer," the Hippo took in the most recent stop on the Harlem Globetrotters' 1997 world tour. Facing the Houdinis of the Hardcourt were a team of international all-stars. (It's so nice to know that former GW hoopster Yinka Dare will have a job when his Nets contract runs out.)

The SAS, new to prognosticating, actually picked the well-schooled all-stars. "It's not the Washington Generals, they can't lose!" said the Sensationalizer. "Besides, the Globetrotters are due for a loss."

Midway through the first quarter, Paul Gaffney, the Globetrotters captain, started to show off for the crowd. Gaffney ran with the ball, taunted the referee, and got nachos from an unsuspecting courtside fan.

All of this amazed and amused the fans, except the SAS, who screamed "He's running with the ball!" All the Hippo could do was laugh at the court and the SAS.

At halftime, the Globetrotters were up by nine, which made the Hippo smug and the Sensationalizer fume. The SAS decided to retract his bold prediction and go with the Hippo's hunch.

The third quarter provided much of the same. Gaffney and Elmer Martin (from Arkansas' 1994 NCAA champion team) foiled around. At one point, Martin ran into the stands, grabbed a board of cotton candy and threw candy all about the arena.

During a timeout, Martin and

Arnold "A-train" Bernard argued over a large bucket of water. Arnold threw it at Martin, but he ducked. The water ended up hitting the Sensationalizer and the Hippo.

The final score of the tightly contested battle was 69-51 in the Globetrotters' favor. The Hippo and his sidekick were enthralled at the wizardry of the Globetrotters. However, the Globetrotters' claim to fame, the ball spinning off the finger, was replaced by an odd mascot with a globe for a head and as much personality as the SA presidential candidate who gave the Sensationalist his nickname.

Much of the individuality that made the Harlem Globetrotters great for all ages is now gone. What is replaced is obvious commercialism, as Reebok insignias abound all over the Trotter shoes and uniforms, not unlike a GW.

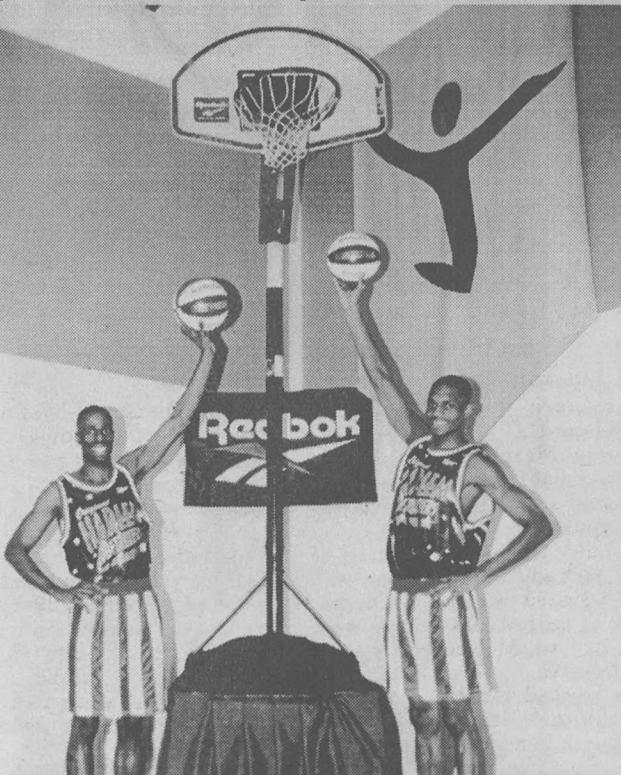
In the Globetrotters' official press release, the team states that according to the "Q" ratings, they are the most well-liked and recognized sports team in the United States. Student Association President-elect Kuyomars Golparvar could not be immediately reached for comment.

Congressman Sonny Bono (R-Calif.) commented to the Hippo about the game: "It was fun." When pressed to elaborate, the congressman mumbled, "(My kid) had a good time."

A good time was had by all at the game, and the Hippo's winter picking streak continued. Then again, with cotton candy, Reebok, buckets of water, a congressman and a new sidekick, who wouldn't have fun?

-Tryg Olsen

Matt Berger contributed to this report.



The Harlem Globetrotters brought their basketball hijinks to USAir Arena on Saturday.

## Gymnasts hang tough with Pack

**GW takes second to North Carolina State twice in one week**

BY BEN OSBORNE AND  
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HATCHET SPORTS WRITERS

The GW gymnastics team experienced a sense of finality Sunday. For one thing, it was senior day, as Tracey Ackerman, Kristie Gackenheimer and Megan McNulty competed in a home regular season meet for the last time in their careers.

However, GW will host the Atlantic 10 championship March 22.

More relevant to this season was that Sunday's meet completed a two-week stretch against one of the top teams in its region, North Carolina State.

GW performed as well as it has all year in Sunday's meet. The Colonial Women's best event was the bars, which they won with a score of 48.025 out of a possible 50.

Junior Siobhan Haney was the individual bar winner, while Ackerman took second. Ackerman was pleased with her performance as well as the team's.

"We did a really good job tonight," she said. "N.C. State's a decent team that we're vying with for an NCAA regional bid. We just need to hit our routines."

In the other events, GW finished second in the vault, third in the beam and second in the floor event.

N.C. State's gymnasts showed their prowess in the individual all-around. The Lady Wolfpack's Stephanie Wall won it with a 38.75, and Elizabeth Bernstein took second with a 38.725. GW junior Alexis Hrynk was GW's top finisher, earning third place with a 38.675.

Hrynk also took second in the vault and posted her team's highest score in the beam with a 9.625.

As for the emotion of senior

day, Ackerman said she was relatively unaffected. "It was strange, but since we're hosting the Atlantic 10s it wasn't really our last meet," she said.

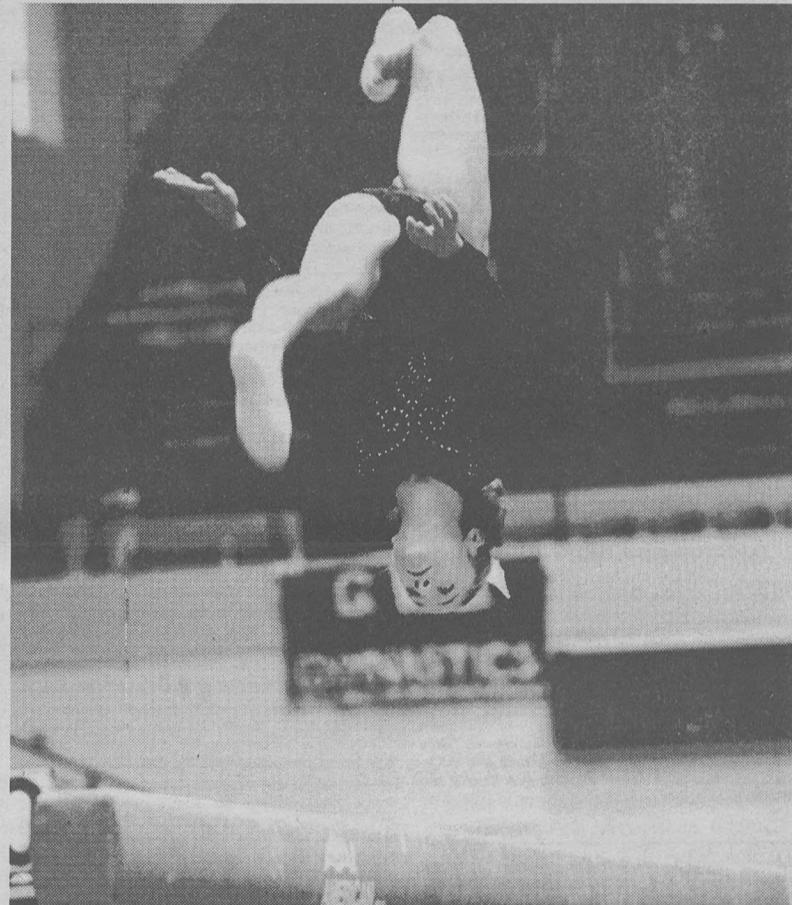
Meanwhile, last Sunday at N.C. State's Reynolds Coliseum, the Colonial Women had their first encounter with the Lady Wolfpack and lost a little more convincingly.

N.C. State won every team event, but GW did receive an outstanding performance from Hrynk in the all-around. She fin-

ished in second place with 38.875, just fractions of a point behind N.C. State's Bernstein.

Hrynk's strong showing helped GW beat other strong teams, such as the University of Maryland.

Having put in good outings against N.C. State the last two weekends, the Colonial Women seem poised to finish their season strong. They will travel to West Virginia next Saturday, and then return home for the A-10 championship March 22.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

The acrobatic Shari Doulman averaged a 9.225 on the beam in Sunday's meet with North Carolina State and Northern Illinois.

## Colonials fall to Richmond, go 1-2 vs. ODU

BY DAVE ADLER  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW baseball team just completed an eight-game road trip with a 1-7 record. GW escaped Old Dominion Sunday with one win in three tries after a loss at Richmond.

Walks and errors were the main reasons the Colonials had a rough weekend. "We're going to need to field better to be successful this year," head coach Tom Walter said of his team, which made nine errors in the four games. He added that his team does have the ability to turn its defensive woes around.

### Old Dominion 13, GW 4

Starter David Burke (0-2) got touched up for eight earned runs Sunday, including a grand slam, in just three innings of work as the Colonials dropped to 2-12 overall.

ODU's Joe Troilo and Tony Gsell lit up GW pitchers for seven hits, including Gsell's fourth inning grand slam.

Second baseman Mike Roberts led the Colonials at the plate, dri-

ving in two runs with a sixth inning double.

GW pitchers continued to have difficulty finding the plate as they walked seven Monarchs in the loss.

### GW 9, Old Dominion 7

The Colonials finally got their second win of the season Saturday after erupting for five runs in the sixth inning.

Six GW batsmen had at least two hits, including Scott Giuliana and Ryan Dacey who each had two RBIs.

The Colonials led 2-1 in the sixth when they got six two-out hits.

"The sixth was very encouraging. It was the first time this year the team has gotten big two-out hits," Walter said.

Eric Rappa (1-2) started and got the win. Thomas Baginski struck out two in a scoreless ninth for the save.

### Old Dominion 7, GW 2

David Kloes lost his fourth game of the year despite striking out five Monarchs.

Seven Colonial batters struck out at least once in Friday's lopsided affair. Chris Matarese was one of the few GW batters to break-through ODU pitching, going 3-4.

The Colonials could never recover from making four errors in the game.

The Monarchs' Nos. 4 and 5 hitters, Gsell and Anthony Forelli, devastated Kloes and reliever Scott Shalom by going 6-10 at the plate.

### Richmond 15, GW 8

Before traveling to Norfolk, Va., to face ODU, the Colonials stopped in Richmond to face the Spiders at Pitt Field in a game originally scheduled as a GW home game.

Matt Williams started on four days' rest for the first time in his Colonial career and took the loss to drop to 0-2. Williams gave up eight earned runs and was the first of four GW pitchers who combined to walk 11 Spider batters.

Designated hitter Joe Beichert was 2-4 with four RBIs, and Matarese homered to lead the Colonials offensively.

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